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INTRODUCTORY.

Every general reader is sometimes at a loss for a date or a fact connected with his locality, and meets with frequent references to historical and biographical subjects, of which he knows nothing, or obscurely remembers, or only partially understands.

The design of this work is to furnish such information, and at the same time a record of the commercial, professional, and industrial interests of our own city and county. It is particularly commended to the attention of commercial and professional men; and while no pretense is made to history, however, such events as are of special importance, are recorded. The index embraces a business directory and notice of the county seat, and all the various towns of the county, with page references to those whose enterprise and public spirit justify special editorial mention.

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SUGGESTIONS TO BOXHOLDERS

THE GREAT NORTHWEST TERRITORY.

WE take no note of time, but from its loss. Human works perish with their architects. Isolated mounds betoken the former existence of a numerous race throughout the region of the Great Lakes, the valleys of the Mississippi, the Ohio, and the Muskingum. The populous and templed cities of Yucatan, though built of massive stone, are dreary spots, bearing the gathered dust of centuries. Walls have crumbled, and all, even to the name, is lost. The progressive nations of the past placed hopes of earthly immortality in enduring marble, and trusted to their faultless orators to perpetuate their fame. The pyramids of Cholula stand in a wilderness, the dumb monuments of an unknown race. Some Aztec heiroglyphics and pictured history have been seen, but the key was lost, and the tide of oblivion rolls over them.

Engaged in the present, we are in danger of neglecting to perpetuate the memories of the early settlers—hardy pioneers, the men to whom we owe our very existence and all the luxuries of the present day—who endured privations, cleared the forests, and made a pathway and a home for us.

One hundred and three years have passed since the date of the inception of Marietta, the first town settled in the Northwest Territory—Yea, and also the soul of every Pioneer of that never-to-be-forgotten age—only WE are left to view their vast improvements, and to listen to the meagre story of their wonderful achievements. Can we not say we are grateful, and that we owe the present with all its bounties, to the toils and hardships of our forefathers of the past?

Their works are to be seen on every hand, and at every step we tread upon their achievements, and the work of their hands.

Our aim is the plain story of feeble settlement and early improvements; a present exhibit of the people and resourses of the county; for evidences of past industry and a base to measure the future; this is no child's task for

"Only the gifted pen of such as Prescott might
Record Meig's and Gallia's history aright.
Let me attempt with an unpracticed quill,
And take, O, reader, for the deed, the will.

ABORIGINAL PERIOD.

The earliest authentic history of the Red Man in the Ohio and the Muskingum Valleys may be said to have had its beginning about the year 1750. But little is definitely known concerning the Indian occupation of the Ohio country prior to 1750, and scarcely anything anterior to the year 1650. However, about the middle of the seventeenth century the doom-destined Eries, the most powerful western nation, were in possession of the vast wilderness which is now the thickly settled, well improved State of Ohio, dotted with villages and cities and covered with the meshes of a vast net-work of railroads. Most of the villages of the Eries were along the shores of the lake which bears their name.

Five other powerful nations of the West, the Andastes and the Hurons occupied the valleys of the Alleghney and upper Ohio, and the peninsulas about the lakes, respectively:

The Iroquois or Five Nations, (Mohawks, Senecas, Onandegas, Miamis, Cayucas) afterwards the Six Nations, (increased by the alliance of the Tuscaroras from the South,) formed their confederacy in the beginning of the seventeenth century, and through consolidation of strength, and by resorting to stratagem, overwhelmed, singly and successively, the Hurons, the Eries, and the Andastes. And so the victorious Iroquois took up their habitation on the shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario and utilized all that territory about the headquarters of the Ohio and the Muskingum and their valleys as a vast hunting ground.

These rivers teemed with fish, and the dense luxuriant wood abounded in game, but no Indian wigwam dotted the shores of these noble streams; no campfires gleamed along their banks, and no maize-fields covered the fertile bottom lands or lent variety to the wild vernal green. An oppressive stillness hung over the land, marked and intensified rather than broken, and only made more wierd by the tossing of the water upon the shores and the soft mysterious sounds echoed from the distance through the dim aisles of the forests.

Nature was lovely then as now, but with all her pristine beauty, those valleys were hushed in the vastness and solemnity of their solitude. No where was human habitation or indication of human life, the powerful Iroquios having driven all the weaker tribes from the valleys.

Such was the condition of the country when explored by the French Navigators, and when a century later it became the field for British and American adventurers.

There was a reason for this desertion of a region rich in all that was dear to the Red men. These rivers were the warway down which silently and swiftly floated the canoe fleets of a fierce, relentless and invincible enemy—the Iroquois.

SECOND INDIAN OCCUPATION OF OHIO.

Concerning what may be termed the second Indian occupation of Ohio, we have authentic information. In 1764 the most trustworthy and valuable reports up to that time secured, were made by Colonel Boquet as the results of observation while making a military expedition west of the Ohio. The authentic history of the Ohio Indians had its beginning about the year 1750. About this time the principal tribes in what is now Ohio were the Delawares, occupying the valley of the Muskingum, Tuscarawas and Walhonding Rivers; the Shawnees, the Scioto Valley; the Miamis, the valleys of the two rivers bearing their name; the Wyandots or Hurons, the country about the Sandusky River; the Ottawas, in the valleys of the Maumee; the Chippewas, on the south shore of Lake Erie; and the Mingoes, on the Ohio, south of Steubenville. All these tribes, however, frequented, more or less, lands outside of the ascribed divisions of territory, and at different periods from the time when the first definite knowledge concerning them was obtained, down to the era of white settlement, they occupied different locations. When at the time of the invasion of the whites into south eastern Ohio, these tribes were pressed from their old abidding places, their favorite regions were of course deserted, and the allied forces of all these tribes took up their abode in the northwestern part of the State upon the Maumee and its tributaries. The Delawares, as has been indicated, had their densest population upon the Muskingum, Tuscarawas, and Walhonding Rivers; and, it is with them we have mostly to deal. This tribe was the elder branch of the Lenni-Lenape, with whom William Penn made the treaty under the "Great Elm Tree," designated as the "only, treaty never signed and never broken," has by tradition been accorded a high rank among the savages of North America.

Schoolcraft, Loskiel, Albert Gallatin, Drake, Zeisberger, Heckewelder, and many others have born testimony to the superiority of the Delawares, and James Fennimore Cooper, in his attractive romances, has added lustre to the fame of this tribe.

According to the tradition preserved by them, the Delawares, many centuries before they knew the white man, lived in the western part of the continent, and separating themselves from the rest of the Lenni-Lenape, migrated slowly eastward. Reaching the Allegheny River, they waged war with success against a race of giants called the Allegewi, and still continuing their march, settled on the Delaware River, and spread their population eventually to the Hudson, the Susquehanna, and the Potomac. Here it was they were found by the first European settlers along the Atlantic coast. Disturbed by the white settlers, they turned once more westward and concentrated upon the Allegheny. Disturbed here again they obtained permission from the Wyandots (whom they called their uncles) to occupy the lands along the Musking-

um (1745) and it was here they were found by the French Missionaries, and Christian missions established among them in later years.

They became here a more flourishing and powerful tribe than they had ever been before. Their warriors numbered not less than six hundred in 1764.

The Delawares were divided into three tribes, the Unamis, Unalachtgo, and the Minsi, also called the Monseys or Muncies. The English equivalents being the Turtle, the Turkey, and the Wolf, respectively.

The tribe bearing the latter name exhibited a spirit quite in keeping with it, but the Delawares, as a rule, were less warlike than other nations, and they more readily accepted Christianity. Their principal chiefs were White Eyes, and Captain Pipe, the former a peace-maker, and the later inclined to war. There was great rivalry between them, and after the death of White Eyes in 1780, Captain Pipe gained the ascendency among his people. He was shrewd, treacherous, and full of malignity, according to Heckewelder, Drake, and other writers on the Indians of the northwest, though brave, and famous as a leader in battle. Buckaugahelas was another of the noted Delaware chiefs. Others were King Newcomer (after whom the present Newcomerstown was named,) and Half King, noted for his services to the British in the French and Indian War, as companion scout with thh famous Captain Jack, especially during Braddock's march, and in the ensuing battles that followed.

There dwelt among the Delawares of the Upper Muskingum, at Whitewoman's Town, located at the mouth of Kilbuck Creek in Coshocton County, a white woman, the wife of a chief named Eagle Feather, who had great influence among them, and in honor of whom both the town and Whitewoman's river were named.

Concerning this woman there is an old story. "She had born to her husband no papooses, which worried Eagle Feather very much, as it was considered a disgrace to the whole tribe for their chief to die with his blood runing in the veins of no living creature. Reflecting on this subject, Eagle Feather decided to secure another wife, and in the ecstacy of his thoughts, little did he think how faithful his wife had been to him for many years and how much she loved him in the cold Indian style, as also, the great trouble that was brewing. Following up his conclusions he went on a long journey into Pennsylvania, and there succeeded in capturing another white woman; (for he had captured his first wife the same;) and after an absense of several weeks returned with his intended No. 2, telling his wife of his intentions, much to her dissatisfaction, and arousing within her a bitter jealousy, given vent only in great and protracted lamentations. This state of affairs continued some time, when with the stealth of a lioness, the newcomer, (for such the Indians called her,) at the dead hour of night, when all were sleeping soundly, arose and seeking a tomahawk, with one deadly blow, sunk it into the brain of the sleeping Eagle Feather, and was about to follow up her murderous design in killing his wife also, when on being discovered by the latter, fled into the darkness and ran in a northeasterly direction, but was captured the next morning, near a little

town on the Tuscarawas, called to this day Newcomerstown,* and was taken back to Whitewoman's Town, where they arrived with her, just as Christopher Gist, the scout, passed down the river, where she was beaten to death with clubs, in the following manner, according to Gist's journal, "She was allowed to run at fifty yards start, and then was pursued by savages who beat her with their clubs until life was extinct."

Most of the Delaware towns were in the vicinity of the confluence of the Tuscarawas and Walhonding Rivers at the source of the Muskingum and a few miles down its source, and that region is rich in old Indian names and traditions.

The Delawares had no villages on the lower Muskingum, and so far as is known, none in what is now Meigs or Gallia Counties, this region, like almost the whole of the Ohio Valley, being devoid of inhabitants, and regarded as a hunting ground. Thus, dear reader, you have the aboriginal period of Ohio pictured to your mind's eye.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

The North West Territory comprised all that portion of land situated in the angle of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and south of the Great Lakes, now the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. The organization of this territory, prohibiting slavery, is what is known in history as the "Ordinance of 1787." This territory was also known as the County of Botetourt, and afterwards, a part of it as Illinois County.

ADVENT OF THE WHITE MAN.

There is every reason to believe the adventurous Robert Cavalier de la Selle to be the first white man who trod the soil of the destined State of Ohio, and the first whose eyes beheld the beautiful Ohio River. In the winter of 1669-70, led by Indian guides he penetrated the vast country of the Iroquois, until as Parkman says, he reached, "at a point six or seven leagues from Lake Erie, a branch of the Ohio, which he descended to the main stream," and so went onward as far as the "falls" or the present site of Louisville. There his men abandoned him and he retraced his way alone. This was over two hundred years ago.

As early as 1749, Celeron de Bienville made a systematic exploration of the Ohio Valley, and on the sixteenth of August in the same year, was at the mouth of the Muskingum and buried a leaden plate with an inscription engraven thereon, and found protruding from the ground, after a freshet, by some boys, forty-nine years later, and ten years after the settlement of Marietta; the same now being preserved in the Massachusetts Antiquarian Society.

THE OHIO COMPANY.

The settlement of the North West Territory was due to the untiring efforts of a company of adventurers, duly organized and styled the Ohio Company, of which Generals Putnam and Turner may be properly called the founders.

*There are many different stories told as to the origin of the name, among them that a rush of newcomers at one time into the town gave it the name.

When General Tupper, on his way east from a survey of the west, visited General Putnam at his home in Rutland, Worcester County, Mass., and earnestly talked of their experiences and their hopes in front of the great fire, while the night hours fast passed away: "A night of friendly offices and conference between them gave at the dawn, a development—how important in its results!—to the cherished hope and purpose of the visit of General Tupper." As the result of this conference by a New England fireside, appeared the first mention in the public prints of the Ohio Company, which was organized March 3rd, 1786. The two most prominent men of the Ohio Company were the Rev. Manasseh Cutler and General Putnam. From first to last they were the leading spirits of the Company.

The ordinance of 1787 passed upon the thirteenth of July, and from its most important provision, often termed "the Ordinance of Freedom" was the "last gift of the Colonial Congress to the country, and it was a fit consummation of their glorious labors. It was the product of what we might call inspired statesmanship, the foundation upon which five great commonwealths were to be built up, the fundamental law, the constitution of the Northwest Territory, and a sacred compact between the old colonies and the yet uncreated States to come into being under its benign influence. It forever prohibited slavery upon the soil of the great territory that it organized, and it is undoubtedly true, that to this ordinance the people of this great Republic owe thanks for the final suppression of slavery within its borders. Had the institution of slavery been established between the Ohio and Mississippi, its strength as a system would have resisted all reforming measures and crushing forces and the United States to-day have been a slaveholding power. And so the Congress of 1787 "builded wiser than they knew," and more grandly.

SETTLING THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY.

The year 1787 was one full of doings and rich in result. The constitution of the United States was adopted, the Ordinance of Freedom enacted, and the Ohio Company's purchase negotiated—the first of a series of transactions by which a revenue was obtained from the public domains to lessen the heavy war debt and restore prosperity. It was through some difficulty that a colony was organized to try their fortunes in the west. Many glowing accounts were published of the country to induce emigration to the Ohio country. The enthusiasm with which the chief characters of the Ohio Company labored to develope their plans, and the roseate hued accounts that were given of the country to which a colony was to be sent, provoked some merriment and some sneering.

The Ohio Valley was dubbed "Putnam's Paradise," and Cutler's Indian Heaven," and these and other names came into quite common use, even among the men who were quite friendly to the movement these phrases were intended to ridicule. But, not withstanding all this, a party of pioneers were duly organized, and the first party consisting of twenty-two men, and including the boat builders and mechanics, started from Danvers, Mass., on the first of December, 1787, under the command of Major Hatfield White, and were sent ahead to build boats on the Youghiogheny, which, in western parlance, was

commonly called the "Yoh." The advance company arrived at Sumrill's Ferry on this stream (about thirty miles obove Pittsburgh) on the twenty-third of January, after a wearysome journey. The other party, including the surveyors and their assistants and a number of the proprietors of the Ohio Company rendezvoused at Hartford, Conn., on the first of January, 1788. They arrived at the Youghiogheny in the middle of February, expecting to find preparations for the journey down the Ohio duly made, in this they were disappointed. There were "no boats built, no boards or planks in readiness, or person capable of building a canoe, much less a boat, among the party—mill frozen up and no boards to be had. He (Major White) had, however, three canoes, such as they were, on the stocks; and five of his men were sick with the smallpox, which they took by inoculation. A large boat with a capacity of about fifty tons, and a small flat boat of about three tons burthen, were built and named the Mayflower and the Adelphia respectively. The Mayflower, in the commeration of the ship which one-hundred and sixty-eight years before had brought across the ocean the Plymouth colonists.

The little party embarked on their journey on the afternoon of the first of April, which was Tuesday, and after a voyage of six days, on the seventh of April arrived at their destination about noon upon the site of Marietta. This was at the point and Allen Putnam was the first pioneer who landed at Marietta. They were welcomed by a party of about seventy Wyandot and and Delaware Indians, warriors, women and children, led by Captain Pipe. The pioneers who arrived on the "Mayflower" at the site of Marietta numbered forty-seven and named in the following list:—Gen. Rufus Putnam, superintendent of the colony; Col. Ebenezer Sproat, Major Anselem Tupper, and John Mathews, surveyors; Major Haffield White, steward and quartermaster; Captains Johnathan Devol, Josiah Munroe, Daniel Davis, Peregrine Foster, Jethro Putnam, William Gray, and Ezekiel Cooper. Phineas Coburn, David Wallace, Gilbert Devol Jr., Jonas Davis, Hezekiah Flint, Josiah Whitridge, Benjamin Griswold, Theophilus Leonard, William Miller, Josiah White, Henry Mixon, William Moulton, Benjamin Shaw, Jervis Cutler, Samuel Cushing, Daniel Bushnell, Ebenezer Corry, Oliver Dodge, Isaac Dodge, Jabez Barlow, Allen Putnam, Joseph Wells, Israel Danton, Samuel Felshaw, Amos Porter Jr., John Gardner, Elizur Kirtland, Joseph Lincoln, Earl Sproat, Allen Devol, William Mason, Simeon Martin, and Peletiah White. These men, on Monday, the seventh of April, 1788, made the first lawful organized English settlement within the limits of the great Northwest Territory.

There seems to have been many objections to emigration to the Ohio Country by the New England people, and much ridicule offered to the same. It assumed in fact the form of burlesque. One early resident of Ohio (Judge Timothy Walker) has said: "I have a distinct recollection of a picture I saw in boyhood, prefixed to a penny-anti-moving-to-Ohio pamphlet, in which a stout, ruddy, well dressed man on a sleek, fat horse, with a label "I am going to Ohio" meets a pale and ghastly skeleton of a man, scarcely half dressed, on the wreck of what was once a horse, already bespoken by the more political crows, with a label "I have been to Ohio." Thus we have recorded the prominent events of the first settlement in the Northwest Territory.

THE COUNTY OF MEIGS.

THE first settlements in the county were naturally, of course, made along the banks of the Ohio. They would go from one settlement to another by water. This was about the year 1796 or after the Indian wars of 1795. Nature was lovely then as now. The banks of the "beautiful Ohio" presented a scene of loveliness from various points of observation in its long and winding course from the mouth of the Hocking River to the present eastern line of Gallia county, a distance of more than sixty miles. Settlements were commenced in various places along the river as early as 1796.

FIRST SETTLEMENTS.

Settlements were commenced in the eastern and southern part of Meigs county, at Letart, and near the mouth of Leading Creek, as early as the year 1796. About the same time a settlement was commenced in Chester Township where Chester is now located. A settlement was also commenced at Tupper's Plains, in Orange Township, and also in Rutland about the year 1800. In the year 1820, when the fourth census was taken, the inhabitants numbered 4,480.

ORGANIZATION, BOUNDARIES, ETC.,

Meigs county was formerly a part of Washington county, and later it was included in the counties of Athens and Gallia and was created by act of the legislature from those two counties. January 21, 1819. The first seat of Justice was established at what is now Middleport, February 18, 1820. It was changed to Chester in the spring of 1822. In 1841 it was again changed to Pomeroy, where it has ever since remained.

DIVISIONS OF THE COUNTY.

Meigs county included twelve organized townships. Six had been established under the new authority of Gallia county, and two under that of Athens

county. The names of the townships are as follows: Salem, Columbia, Scipio, Rutland, Salisbury, Bedford, Orange, Chester, Sutton, Letart, Lebanon, and Olive. These will be further treated under their respective towns.

PHYSICAL FEATURES.

Meigs county lies on the north and west shores of the Ohio and has a river boundary of more than sixty miles. The valley of the Ohio is narrow and lined by abrupt hills and cliffs. The valley of the Ohio is a rich, alluvial soil unequaled in fertility. The hills back of the river are generally rocky and steep for a short distance, then the land becomes more nearly rolling and is very fertile in general. Meigs county is bounded on the north by Athens, on the east by the Ohio, on the south by the Ohio river and Gallia county and on the west by the Ohio River and Vinton county. The drainage of the county is very complete. The Shade River in the northeastern part of the county and Leading River in the southwestern part of the county are the principal streams.

SOIL

Taken as a whole the soil of Meigs county is in quality above the average of that of the counties of southern Ohio. The valleys of the Ohio and Shade Rivers are very rich and productive, and equal in fertility to any lands in the State. The soil on the hillsides is determined in quality by the nature of the strata composing the hills. It is richest where there is an abundance of limestone and poorest when derived from disintegrated sandstone. Among the hills of the county are found some very beautiful and productive lands, and even the most rough and forbidding hills, have, by the frugal and industrious German population, been rendered productive and attractive.

GENERAL GEOLOGICAL FEATURES.

COAL

The County lies wholly within the coal measures and in the upper portion of the series.

In the drift gravel in the Ohio terraces we find a great scarity of pebbles and small bowlders, very interesting in their lithological and palentological characters. In addition to granites, quartzites, and all forms of the harder rocks found north of the lakes, occur fossils of all the fossiliferous strata lying to the north. They are best preserved when imbedded in cherty limestone. The stratified rocks of the county all belong to the coal measure formation. It is common to divide the Ohio coal measures into two divisions—upper and lower—the dividing line being that of the Pittsburgh seam coal. The county is rich in coal, the well known Pomeroy seam having here a large developement and extending over a large area. This seam is overlaid by alternate strata of shades and sandstones, but further north and east these are replaced by limestone. There are other seams of coal in the county, some higher and others lower than the Pomeroy seam, in the geological series, yet this is the only one that has been or probably can be profitably mined. The Pomeroy

seam corps out along the bluffs lining the long winding shores of the Ohio and is thus easy to mine and in quantities to last for ages. This is one of the important industries of the county.

SALT.

Meigs county is also one of the richest districts in the county in saliferous strata, found by boring to a depth of a thousand feet or more below the Pomeroy seam of coal. The brine obtained from such is sufficient to make this the most extensive salt regions in the State. This is in the hands of the Ohio River Salt Co., and their extensive works are on both sides of the river and eleven active furnaces are used, employing five hundred men and turning out 5,000,000 barrels of salt per year.

BROMINE.

Bromine, from which bromide of potassium and hydrobromic acid are made, is found in the "mother" or "bittern" water, left after the crystallization removal of the salt from the vats. This bittern was formerly thought to be worthless and was suffered to go to waste. But chemicial analysis demonstrated the fact that it contained an element more valuable than salt, and far less bulky. This element is found in all the salt wells of the Ohio River Valleys, the Monongahela in Pennsylvania, the Kanawha, in W. Va., and the Scioto in Ohio. It is not however found in those of New York nor Michigan. Until about 1865 or 1866 this article was imported from Europe in small quantities and sold at five dollars per pound. Its compounds are now extensively used in medicine. The bromide of potassium is considered a very superior sedative. The bromide manufacturers of the Ohio and tributary valleys, now supply the world's markets for this article at a cost of one-tenth of the price previous to its manufacture here.

PETROLEUM.

Meigs county is susposed to lie in part, if not wholly within the "gas fields," gas having been found in several localities. Delafield, speaking of this product of mother earth (A. D. 1832) calls it "spring oil" or seneca oil" and says that "it has been known to the hunters and early inhabitants of the country since its first settlement. It is generally suppossed to be the product of coal, at a great distance below the surface of the earth. It is, as is well known an oleaginous substance, possessing a strong, disagreeable odor. This oil, by filtering through charcoal is almost deprived of its empyreumatic smell and can be used in lamps, as it affords a brilliant light. It is very useful, and therefore much employed in curing the diseases of, and the injuries done to horses. It is a preventative against the attacks of the blowing-fly, and is perhaps the best substance known for prevention of friction in machinery."

Little did Delafield think at the time he wrote the forgoing that this same "spring oil" as he styled it, would ever become such an article of commerce and an article of such real merit and worth to the civilized world, but such it is to-day, and the supposition is that Meigs county is rich in this same "spring."

He (Delafield) further speaks of "the gas arising from salt wells, which when a light is applied, inflames and burns for days until extinguished by

rain or a sudden gust of wind," and he also mentioned "some pools of water through which gases arise, and which consequently have acquired the name of burning springs." The best fields of the country are Macksburg, Cow Run and the extensive fields in the Eureka, Newport and Belmont regions, and are among the most productive and paying fields of the United States. At the present time borings for oil within a few miles of Pomeroy indicate that there is oil in this region and some fair wells have already been found. This territory, a belt of land from three to five miles North of Pomeroy, is being prospected by the Hope Oil Co., of Oil City, Pa., and with very encouraging prospects. Should good oil fields be developed in this locality, it will place Pomeroy at one bound in the van of any city on the Ohio, owing to the extensive coal fields at her very doors,

NATURAL GAS.

Recent developments have shown to the geologist that Meigs County lies also, in the "gas fields," gas having been found in numerous places of boring for salt and oil.

Natural gas is not however new to Meigs County, but only its development now, as it found its way through fissures in the earth and burnt and escaped hundred of years ago in several different localities, and was then called "burning springs." However natural gas is a new discovery to the world, comparatively speaking. It was in use as far back as the year 1825 in the village of Fredonia, New York, and throughout the oil regions, the numerous borings resulted in the discovery of gas wells that were in various places and at various times utilized for heat and light.

Eventually, less than two decades since, the utilization of gas for manufacturing purposes, was begun by Rogers & Burchfield at their Leechburg, Pa., iron works, and in 1875, it was introduced to the iron works of Spang, Chalfant & Co. at Sharpsburg, Pa. In the manufacture of glass the Rochester Tumbler Works were the pioneers, while in 1883, its introduction into the Pittsburg Plate Glass Works may be said to have placed that city, at one bound, at the head of the world for this, the difficult class of glass to make. It has done equally as much for numerous other cities. Western Pennsylvania, Findlay, Ohio, New Cumberland, W. Va., mark the centres of valuable regions, while it has also been found in considerable quantities in Western New York, Illinois, Kansas, etc.

The origin of natural gas, like that of petroleum is involved in obscurity. Geologists differ in their theories: Prof. Lesley considers it a direct product of petroleum by spontaneous evaporation. The discovery of natural gas in this country, marks an epoch that will ever be memorable in the history of her advancements. The severest tests early demonstrated the marked superiority of natural gas to any other fuel in the world, owing to its containing such a large proportion of carburetted hydrogen, popularly known as "marsh gas." Hydrogen as thus found is the most inflammable element in the universe, and when a fuel contains as high as ninety per cent. of it the degree of heat evolved can be readily imagined. Natural gas varies strangely, both as regards its quality and the pressure with which it escapes.

Mr. S. A. Ford, the chemist, gives the following composition of an average sample:

Carbonic acid	.6 per. cent.	Ethylic hydride	5.00 per. cent.
Carbonic oxide	.6 " "	Marsh gas	67.00 " "
Oxygen	.8 " "	Hydrogen	22.00 " "
Olefiant gas	1.00 " "	Nitrogen	3.00 " "

It is thus extremely rich in the very elements demanded by the iron, steel, glass, and pottery worker, and they now consider it indispensible, so economical is it in use, so pure in its composition, so steady and powerful as a heat producer. Apart from the great utilitarian reasons is its cleanliness. Except for the jets of steam escaping from the factories, no one would at a distance suppose they were in operation. No dark cloud and odorous wreaths of coal smoke to hover o'er, and settle down on a city as of old, but instead there is a clear pure atmosphere, and the picturesque features of the city and its surroundings are distinct in their outlines.

To the mill and furnace workers, the use of gas is an unqualified blessing: the dirt and dust of the coal heap is absent, the strain of shoveling and mending fires is abolished, and while the steady, even heat of the gas is doing its work, the employes are resting, and are thus prepared to better preform their duties. The purity of gas, as a fuel, has enabled our great iron, glass, and steel works, that have adopted its use, to produce goods of superior quality, and better finish, and all goods thus manufactured, are to-day, the best of their kind in the world. In this connection Mr. Theo. D. Morgan, the expert, remarks, "for heating iron and steel, even when used in the most primitive manner, natural gas excels coal."

What then may be said of it when used under conditions the most favorable? Simply that it is UNAPPROACHABLE by any other fuel at present known.

Natural gas is indispensable to the manufacturer, and has increased the productive capacity of rolling mills in every instance fully 25 per cent; never has such perfectly tempered and pure steel been turned out. In glass the results have been equally as marvelous. The use of natural gas produces a uniformity of temperature in the furnaces and annealing ovens that, combined with the skill of our manufacturers, is triumphantly evidenced in the production of the finest plate glass in the world. No smoke, dust, cinders, sulphur, or other impurity is present, and equally brilliant results are achieved in the making of plain table glass and fancy colored wares. For household uses in fuel, light, heat and cooking purposes, also, natural gas is at this day a prime favorite. Owing to its volatile character, and the intense pressure exerted in the service pipes, it was found difficult at first to use for domestic purposes with satisfactory results. The inventive genius of mechanics has, however, overcome every obstacle both as regards sure control of the gas and proper burners to afford the most perfect combustion, and natural gas for heating, cooking, and lighting purposes in various regions is in general use. The results are of the most gratifying character as to cost, apart from the increased comfort and cleanliness secured to the house-keeper from the absence of the dirt, dust and smoke of coal and cannot fail to bring the manufacturer and the merchant to its locality. The gas fields of Meigs County are operated by the Meigs County Natural Gas Co., and the city of Pomeroy has given the right to lay mains throughout the city from the wells.

Institutions of Charity.

Scatter the germs of the beautiful
  In the depths of the human soul!
They shall bud and blossom, and bear fruit
  While the endless ages roll;
Plant the flowers of charity,
  The portals of the tomb,
And the fair and the pure above thy path
  In paradise shall bloom.

FROM the very earliest time there has been a desire among men to rescue helpless infancy from want and suffering; and the problem of how to save the homeless children has puzzled philanthropists for many centuries.

In the middle ages, Charles V., and Francis I. instituted foundling establishments, which received the support of subsequent kings of France.

In 1670, Louis XIV, established a foundling asylum, but at best, these and all similar attempts, although in the right direction, lacked that permancy guaranteed by a law of the State. In the United States we have for many years had orphan's asylums, supported by a private charity. These were as a rule located in the large cities, where they were able to reach limited numbers only with their benign influences. The distressing fact still remains, that children thrown upon the charity of the public, with few exceptions, had no other refuge than the poor house. It was left to modern civilization to furnish an adequate remedy, and advanced ideas of the scope and functions of Civil Government, to place the responsibility upon the shoulders of the people of the State, where it rightfully belongs; and it is an imperishable honor for Ohio that she was the first State to acknowledge the responsibility.

Since the passage of the Ohio Law in 1866, other States have followed with similar laws forbidding the placing of children in the State poor houses, and providing for their support and education in a humane and intelligent manner.

There exists, in the different States, a wide difference of opinion, as to the best methods of accomplishing the ends desired. Some States support their children in private orphan asylums and in families; some have a Central

Children's Home for their temporary detention, until they can be placed in families; others have the Ohio plan; but all agree on one point, and that is, that the Children's Home is at best but a TEMPORARY ABIDING PLACE for their support and schooling, until placed in respectable families.

FIRST CHILDREN'S HOME IN OHIO. ESTABLISHED 1866, WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO.

CHILDREN'S HOMES IN OHIO.

The establishment of Civil Government and the first settlements in the Northwestern Territory under the ordinance of 1787, at Marietta, in the year 1788, was but one of a series of great events of that age of grand achievements.

The founders of Ohio, soldiers of the Revolution, as they were, believed that Education, Morality, and Religion, as well as Liberty, were the enduring foundations for a State; and it was in keeping with the eminent character of these pioneers, that their descendants should conceive and carry out ideas of far reaching philanthrophy.

AN OHIO WOMAN.

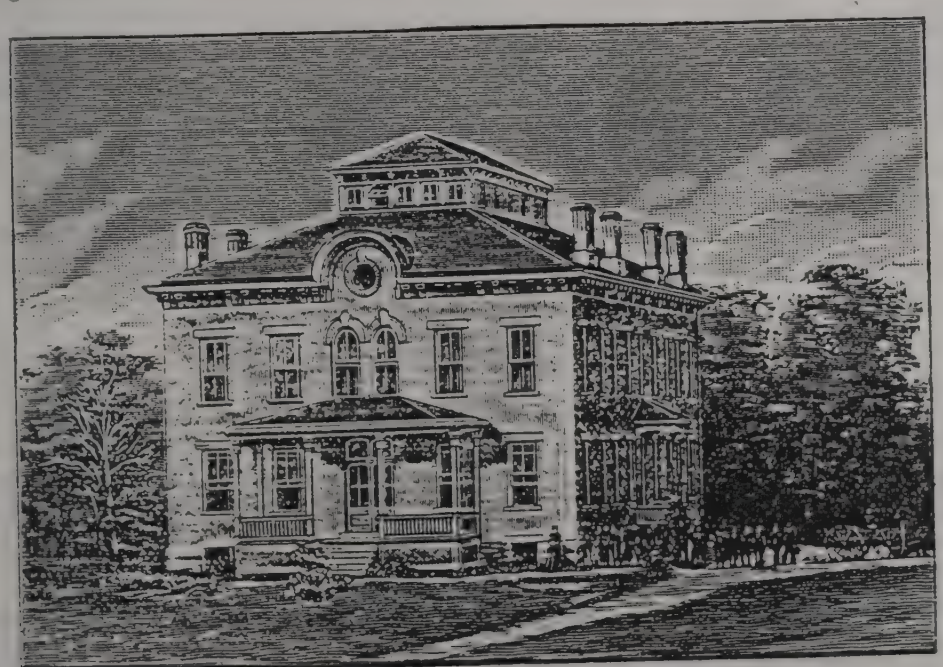
It was at Marietta, the "Old Pioneer City," in the year 1857, in Washington County, there lived a true and nobled-hearted woman, a follower of Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not," and she felt the hopeless condition of those bright and promising children, who through no fault of theirs, were thrown into the County Infirmary and doomed to have their early years blighted by the depressing influences of poverty, imbecility, and degradation. She was aroused to action and resolved to do what she could for their liberation. Accordingly she selected a quiet place in the country, and there established a home for these unfortunates. Washington County came promptly to her assistance,so that with what the coun-

ty appropriated, and what she could eke out in other ways, the first Children's Home in Washington county flourished until the year 1866, when the public-spirited citizens of the county sought to make the Children's Home one of the institutions of the State, by petitioning for a law of general operation, extending its benefits to every county in Ohio. In furtherance of this desire, a petition was circulated and numerously signed by the people of Washington County, praying for the passage of such a law.

The result was the enactment of the CHILDREN'S HOME LAW OF 1866. And this generous and charitable woman has lived to see Children's Homes established in THIRTY-SIX COUNTIES in Ohio. Do you ask her name? It is a name we are proud to mention in this Review. It is CATHARINE FAY EWING, better known as AUNT KATIE FAY. So long as there shall be children to save from lives of shame and degradation, so long as Children's Homes shall survive, so long as the great heart of Humanity snall be touched with pity for the homeless child, just so long shall the name of "Aunt Katie Fay" be cherished and honored in the great State of Ohio.

MEIGS COUNTY CHILDREN'S HOME.

At the spring election of 1882, the citizens of the county, by a large majority voted to erect a Children's Home at a cost of $10,000 for grounds and buildings. A site was selected on original section 20 and 25 acres of land, costing $2,510 and buildings erected, and it was ready for occupancy in the spring of 1883. The Rev. J. M. Nourse was its first superintendent.



MEIGS COUNTY CHIIDREN'S HOME, ERECTED 1883.

The farm is in good condition, and is very favorably located in a good neighborhood; is sufficiently retired, yet easy of access, and from the buildings and grounds is presented a beautiful and picturesque view.

The object is to afford an asylum to indigent children of the county under the age of sixteen years, until suitable homes can be provided for them, with kindly disposed persons, and all reasonable efforts are made for their improvement in industrious habits and morals while they remain in the Home.

Children from other counties may also be admitted on such terms as are approved by the Trustees.

We cannot close this subject without a few words more in regard to the founder of all the Homes in Ohio, Mrs. Catharine Fay Ewing, who still resides in Marietta, and to whom much is to be credited,—yea, more than this world can, but

As travelers oft look back at eve,
When eastward darkly going,
To gaze upon that light they leave
Still faint behind them glowing,—
So, when the close of pleasure's day
To gloom hath near consigned us,
We turn to catch one fading ray
Of joy that's left behind us.

MEIGS COUNTY INFIRMARY.

The Meigs county Infirmary is located three miles northwest of the Court House, and two and one-half miles west of the fair grounds; is under good improvement, the farm consisting of about one hundred acres.

Civil History of Meigs County.

WASHINGTON, the first county organized in the Northwest, was established by proclamation of Governor Arthur St. Clair on the twenty-sixth day of July, 1788, which originally embraced about half the territory now included in the State of Ohio. The next county proclaimed was Hamilton, January 2, 1790. Then followed the erection of the counties from 1790 to 1795, of St. Clair, Knox, Randolph, and Wayne, lying in the Northwest Territory, and outside of the present limits of Ohio. The establishment of Wayne lessened the size of Washington, as did also the creation of Ross in 1798. After the organization of the State government, counties were created quite fast, and the old territorial counties were reduced in size correspondingly. Muskingum was formed in 1804; Gallia in 1803; Athens in 1805; Monroe in 1815; Morgan and Meigs in 1819.

All that part of Meigs county lying south of a line beginning at the mouth of Shade River, thence up the same with the meanders thereof, until it intersects the east and west line between the third and fourth townships in range twelve (near Adams Mills;) thence west with the same to the eastern boundary line of Vinton county, belonged to Gallia county. All north of this line was included in Athens county.

Meigs county, as is well known, was organized in the year 1819, having been originally a part of Gallia county. In the month of April, 1819, the first Court was organized, and the original journal entry is the best account of that organization within our reach, and is as follows:

"Be it remembered that at a term of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Meigs began and held at the temporary seat of justice for said county, present the Hon. Ezra Osborn, President Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Ohio, and Orasha Strong, Fuller Elliot and James E. Phelps, Esquires, Associate Judges, who

produced their several commissions, under the great seal of the State of Ohio, which were read in open Court."

Our readers will notice that this Court was held at "the temporary seat of justice for said county," but the records do not tell us whether this seat of justice was in the saddle, under a tree, or at some farm house.

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The term lasted but two days, and on the first day the Court, after hearing the commissions read, and appointing Robert C. Barton, Clerk pro tem., and Samuel F. Vinton, Prosecuting Attorney, adjourned. The first business of the second day of the term was the granting of license to James E. Phelps, to keep a "House of Entertainment at his now dwelling house." As James E. Phelps was one of the Associate Judges, we are of the opinion that the temporary seat of justice" was at the house or near it of Judge Phelps, wherever that was.

The Court having thus provided a House of Entertainment, issued a license to George Russell for "a ferry across Leading Creek," and a license to to the Rev. Elisha Rathburn to solemnize marriages.

James H. Hayman and Alexander Miller applied for the position of County Surveyor, but the records tell us that "the Court being equally divided, the application was laid over until next term." So it appears that the struggle for county offices began long ago.

The Second Term of Court began on the 19th day of July, 1819, and was held at the "Meeting House in the Township of Salisbury." There was not in all probability more than one meeting house in the Township of Salisbury, at that time, but probably even Harry Wilson could not locate it at this late day.

This term lasted four days, and for the first time there were jurors and cases. The grand jurors were as follows: Daniel Rathburn, foreman, David Lindsey, Adam Harpold, Jesse Worthing, Joel Smith, Silas Knight, James Shields Jr., George Roush, James Gibson, Calvin Marvin, John H. Sayre, Alvin Ogdin and Joseph Hart, with Major Reed and Moses Reed as talesmen.

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And now we come to the first case on the docket of this new court: And in approaching this branch of our court history, we know we are on delicate ground. The descendants of these men are worthy citizens, and live in our midst, and we should avoid giving to the public any old history that would give our readers pain, and fortunately there is nothing to suppress.

Our forefathers were a fighting race and a word frequently brought a blow and this is about the extent of the offenses of that day.

The State of Ohio vs. Josiah Vining appears first on the docket. Josiah was charged with assault and battery upon the person of David Blakely. Upon being arraigned Vining pleaded guilty and was fined $15 and costs.

The act which authorized the "erection" of Meigs county passed the General Assembly January 25th, 1819, and on the 18th day of February 1820, Elnathan Scofield, of Fairfield county, David Mitchell, of Scioto, and Joseph T. Martin, of Pike, were appointed Commissioners "to fix the seat of justice in the County of Meigs." We may now fancy these three disinterested commissioners, non-residents of the county, with no axes to grind, hearing the claims of the various localities contending for the honor of the county seat. History gives us no account of the claims or number of points seeking this honor, and alas! the men who were active in that day are now mingled with the dust of mother earth.

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These Commissioners, after due consideration, selected the following "premises:" All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and nearly in the

Town of Salisbury, being a part of one hundred acre lot number 313, Town 1, Range 13 of the Ohio Company's Purchase, and begining at a stake on the bank of the Ohio River, etc., and containing twenty acres, more or less, the same being the land of Benjamin Smith."

Then follows the report of Ely Sigler, who had been appointed by the Court "a director to purchase the land of the proprietor," and Director Sigler reports that said land is a free donation from Benjamin Smith and Almy Smith his wife, and that he has proceeded to lay off said land into lots, streets and alleys, as directed by the court. Director Sigler then submits his plot of the new county seat, which is quite interesting.

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The new town, our readers must bear in mind, was on the banks of the beautiful Ohio, and on the premises of Benjamin Smith, father of Benjamin Smith who died but a few years ago in Middleport. The location of Benjamin Smith's tract was where the Semple property in Middleport now is, a short distance below Mill street, and we are told that the old log house of Benjamin Smith is still standing. The town fronted on the Ohio River, and in the center was the Public Square, eighteen perches front and running back twenty-seven perches. On each side of the Public Square were streets and lots, and back of the square was a main street running parallel with the river, with lots fronting on it. The plan adopted in laying off Gallipolis was followed in platting this new town and it is to be regretted that the people who afterwards built up Middleport did not adhere to the old plat.

Benjamin Smith, as a surety of good faith, gave his bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, with John Smith and Samuel Averet as sureties, to William Alexander, Phillip Jones and Samuel Downing, Commissioners of the County, that he, Smith would give good warranty deed for the premises, if the Court should approve the location. Sigler moved the Court, that he be empowered to proceed to sell lots in the new town, but the Court overruled his motion, and the April term of 1821 adjourned.

We do not know what influence was brought to bear to prevent the upbuilding of this new metropolis. There was evidently something which influenced the Court to overrule Ely Sigler's attempt to put the lots on the market, and we find no further allusion to this county seat in the records. Here we might remark that if our sister village of Middleport did not attain the honor of being the first capital of the county, yet they have the distinction or being the first town in the county laid out, and platted by authority.

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At the April term of 1822 we find that Judge Burns resigned, and was succeeded by Peter Grow. At this term we come upon another Commissioners' report, who by virtue of the authority vested in them by the "last General Assembly," selected for a "permanent county seat, fifty acres of land in Section 24, Town 3, Range 12, being part of the land on which Levi Stedman now lives."

The Commissioners were John Barr, Wm. Vance and William Dunn. The records show that associate Judge James E. Phelps had been absent from his duties since the November term 1821, and at the July term 1822 Abel Larkins appears and qualifies, as Associate Judge in the place of James E. Phelps deceased. Judges Strong and Phelps both of the west end of the county, being off the bench, the Court consisted of Judges Osborn, Elliot and Grow, all probably east enders. This may have had something to do with locating the county seat on the lands of Levi Stedman. We are only guessing at this, but ancient and modern politics are very similar.

On the 11th day of April 1822, William Weldon was by the Court appoint-

At the July term of court, 1822, Director Weldon makes his report, and files with it the deed of Levi Stedman and Dorothy, his wife, and also a plat of the new town. This plat shows a Public Square, thirty-two perches in length, and fifteen perches in width, surrounded by sixty-two lots. There are also fourteen larger lots, which with the smaller ones, make the town plat resemble the letter L, only the lower part of the letter points the reverse way. This plat is the work of Spencer H. Hayman, County Surveyor.

Director Weldon was authorized to sell the lots in the "Town of Chester," and this is the first we hear of the name of the county seat. The order required that the lots should be offered alternately, that is, No. 1, 3, 5, &c., with credit of one, two and three years.

So we find that the establishment of a county seat for Meigs county was consummated at the July term of court, 1822.

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Since writing the above, we have learned that Mill Street in Middleport is on the line between the lands owned by Philip Jones and Benjamin Smith, and that the Public Square was in front of, and included the lots of John Grant and Joseph McBride. Old residents say that the land in those days projected at least 200 feet further out into the river. So much of our river banks have been washed away that it is difficult to locate old land marks.

In 1841 the seat of justice was again changed to Pomeroy, where it has been ever since. The commissioners at the time of the change were John Davenport, George Hesling and George Herbert.

Military Record of Meig's County.

INDIAN TROUBLES.

THE people of the Northwest territory had always been accustomed to the maintenance of a war-like attitude. They had from 1790-'95, a fierce war with a powerful combination of Indians, including the Miamis, Wyandots, Delawares, Pottawatomies, Shawnees, Chippewas, Ottowas, and other tribes of the Territory, all under the great Miami chief, Michikiniqua, whose war cry was "Drive the white man east of Ohio." General Anthony Wayne, August 20, 1794, had totally defeated them on the Miami; and since the treaty of Greenville, August 3, 1795, the Indians had not molested the settlements until the beginning of the

WAR OF 1812.

This war, as far as this country is concerned, was fully justified. The other country had acknowledged our independence, but would not accord us the privileges of freedom. She had impressed our seamen, searched our ships on the high seas, and made almost innumerable aggressions on our commerce, and last, but not least, had incited the Indians on the frontier to renew their savage hostilities, and for these causes war was declared June 18,1812. President Madison, in his proclamation of war, dated June 19, 1812, urged all citizens of the Republic to sustain the administration in the impending struggle. One would suppose that such an appeal was superfluous, but it had a meaning at that time which we can better understand by consulting the political history of the day. Thomas Jefferson had already founded the Democratic party by which Madison had been elected. It was the war party. The Federalists were opposed to the war, in this much at least, that they believed that the object sought could be accomplished by negotiation without a resort to arms.

The war party, however, carried the day, and the verdict of history is that they were right.

Meigs County was not yet organized at the time of the war 1812, but furnished some troops, no authentic record of which was ever preserved.

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

The people of the States formed out of the Northwest Territory were by education and tradition, and more especially by virtue of the moulding power of a great fundamental, law opposed to slavery and to the doctrine of the States Rights. They naturally went with the North; and we believe we are justified in saying that the North could not have succeeded in the war for the Union if the States formed from the Northwest Territory had refused to co-operate.

Previous to the war, through much discussion and many political campaign's the people of the States named, as well as the balance of the great North, had settled, so far as they were concerned, the momentous question forced upon them by the slave power. The venerable John Quincy Adams, ex-President, in his gallant fight for the right of petition in Congress, was one of the first to take up the gage and begin the battle, and he was successful. Then followed that noble gallaxy of leaders, Joseph R. Giddings, William Lloyd Garrison, John Greenleaf Whitter, Henry Ward Beecher, William Cullen Bryant, Wendell Phillips, Chas. Sumner, Gerret Smith, Cassius McClay, Owen Lovejoy, Benjamin Lundy, and a host of others, who appealed to the North in the name of Liberty and humanity, and eventually carried the great majority to victory in the Presidential Campaign of 1860.

When on that memorable day in April, 1861, the old flag was struck by traitor hands and a semi-circle of hostile batteries converged their fire on Sumpter, compelling its surrender, a thrill of martial ardor, a firing of souls to avenge the deed, brought Meigs County citizens to the front. The people of Meigs County fully endorsed the sentiments of the Union. They had stood arrayed against each other in the two great political parties, but when the Union was threatened, irrespective of party they gave their allegiance to the Government of their fathers.

The history of the progress of public sentiment in this county is but a repetition of that of many others in the State. The people of Ohio would gladly have compromised with the South; but it is an old story, often told, how the southern leaders spurned all overtures. They were bent on having a new government formed upon the institution of human slavery, and awaited the opportunity. In the fullness of time that opportunity came. But, reader, let us view the situation in Meigs county and the Northwest Territory.

Seventy-three years have elapsed since the first settlement of the Northwest Territory at Marietta. To the southwest are the broad valleys of the Ohio. In the far west, by the shore of the Mississippi, is Illinois. On the north, like burnished shields, lie the great lakes. The forests have melted away. No more does the Indian lurk in the thicket or guide his rude canoe on the broad Ohio; but the great Anglo-Saxon has built his domicile by the side of every stream, and his cattle graze upon the hills and in all the valleys. On the Ohio, the great steamer, bearing the commerce of populous States, pursues her way. Instead of a few hamlets, appear the populous cities of these five great States. In the place of the long wagon trail over the mountain, is the

wonderful railroad connecting Ohio with the East. Instead of the small settlement at the mouth of the Muskingum, is a thriving city, and the wilderness subdued, and out of it has grown Ohio, with two million three hundred and forty thousands; Illinois with one million seven hundred and fifty thousand; Michigan with seven hundred and fifty thousand, and Wisconsin with seven hundred and eighty thousand inhabitants. Cultivated fields interspersed with woodland, extend as far as the eye can trace, civilization and the thrifty son of toil has made the land "to blossom like the rose.' Peace and prosperity have wrought their perfect work. Great cities have sprung up. Thousands of manufactories, giving employment to a million of workmen, dot the land. Institutions of learning are scattered here and there over the whole land. Unexemplified prosperity! Amazing transformation! Surely this Northwest Territory has more than fulfiled its early promise. Sad, that the wheels of industry should be stopped, the plow left standing in the furrows, the college deserted, and that the red hand of war should paralyze a State in the full tide of prosperity, sending mourning to so many hearts and disaster to so many homes; but such is the terrible results of war. At the hour of 4:30 on the morning of April 12, 1861, the boom of a mortar on Sullivan's Island, in Charleston harbor, gave notice to the country and to Major Anderson, pent within the walls of Fort Sumpter, that the war was begun. The news reached Meigs County on Saturday morning April 13, and on Monday morning the call of the President for seventy-five thousand men was received.

Ohio was, at the time, divided into military divisions or districts. Meigs County was in the seventh district, under the command of Major General Jesse Hildebrand—headquarters at Marietta, and comprised the counties of Fairfield, Hocking, Perry, Scioto, Lawrence, Jackson, Pike, Newton, Washington, Athens, Meigs and Gallia counties, and sub-divided so that Washington, Athens, Meigs and Gallia counties were under the command of Brigadier General A. Constable—headquarters at Athens. On April 22, 1861, Gen. Hildebrand issued his general order No. 1, calling on the people of the Seventh District for ten thousand men. This was promptly responded to, more men being offered than could be used. Gen. Hildebrand and his staff then tendered their services to the Government: the General himself died in the service, at Alton, Illinois; Col. McCormick severely wounded at Shiloh; Col. Clark was killed at Antietam; Col. Haskins died of injuries received while Colonel of the Sixty-third Ohio; Capt. Whittlesey was killed at Mission Ridge. These were all members of Gen. Hildebrand's staff, in the Seventh division of Ohio. The militia system of the State was at this time under Gov. Chase, and was of much consequence as furnishing drilled men was then much needed.

The following appeared in the Telegraph February 1, 1861:

"The citizens of Meigs county are requested to meet at the Court Houre, in Pomeroy, Ohio, on Saturday, February 20, 1861, at 1 o'clock, P. M. to take into consideration the alarming state of the country, and recommend such measures of "compromise" as they think will allay the excitement and division of the people, and reunite them again under the "Stars and Stripes!" All parties are requested to meet and join hands for the UNION NOW AND FOREVER. Wm. Williamson, A. Gatchel, R. S. Curtis, T. J. Smith, N. Simpson, I. Train, D.

Reed, W. H. Remmington, L. Paine, G. S. Guthrie, Geo. McQuigg, D. W. Curtis, Hon. V. B. Horton will be present and address the meeting.

POMEROY, Jan, 29, 1861.

The citizens of Meigs county met in union on accordance to this call and adopted certain resolutions, which were published in the Telegraph, and copies of which were sent to the Representative in Congress, Hon. C. D. Martin. J. Cartwright was chairman, and C. E. Smith and A. E. McLaughlin, secretaries of this meeting.

At a public meeting held at the Court House in Pomeroy, in the evening of the 16th of April, "in view of the fact that open acts of treason have been committed in one part of the country, our National Flag fired upon by rebels, and public property wrested from the hands of Government by violence, the undersigned were appointed a committee to issue a call for a meeting of the citizens of Meigs county, without distinction of party or class, for the purpose of tendering to the Executive our heart-felt co-operation, and influence in any measures he may adopt, having for their object the preservation of the government, the enforcement of the laws, and the punishment of treason. And upon consultation the undersigned fix the time and place of such meeting for Saturday, April 27th, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court House in Pomeroy.

T. B. Rockhill, Aaron Stivers, Joseph Patten, H. L. Sibley, W. H. Lasley, Committee. Pomeroy, O. April 17, 1861."

The county at this time had a population of twenty-seven thousand souls. On Saturday, April 20, 1861, Captain Cyrus Grant called the people out on Court Street, and solicited volunteers for the Ohio militia. The meeting soon adjourned to the Court House, where it was agreed—that, sink or swim, survive or perish, the Union of these States, MUST AND SHALL BE PRESERVED. It was rumored the following day (Sunday) that two companies of well drilled secession troops, with artillery, were at Point Pleasant, Va., and would soon be on the line of march for Mason City, to haul down the glorious Stars and Stripes, there floating in the breeze, and run up the Palmetto flag in their stead. The scene which followed this report beggars description. Had a boom-shell suddenly dropped into the town, it would not have produced a more excited state of feeling. Men of all parties and classes were gathered together, like our forefathers after the attack at Lexington, with whatever weapon could be siezed in a moment's warning.

German, English, Welsh, Irish, and Native American citizens, all rallied to defend the "flag of our country." In one hour the rumor was contradicted and proven false, but the news spread throughout the country, and citizens came flocking in until noon the next day, with their rifles and various fire-arms. At this time Capt. Grant raised two companies of 80 men each.

BULL RUN.

On July 21st the great battle of Bull Run was fought and lost, the flower of the Union Army destroyed, or turned into a fleeing rabble, and a great mass of war material swallowed up in the vortex of war. The President, on the day after the battle, issued a call for five-hundred thousand three year's men—think, how different from the first call of THREE MONTH'S men. This was the

first great call to arms. The country was stirred to its centre, and the scenes of volunteering that followed were grand. It was from these five hundred regiments that the vital power to crush the rebellion came. They furnished the great bulk of officers who finally led our armies to victory.

VOLUNTEERING.

Companies were at this time organized at various places throughout the county, among them, Racine, Coolville, Chester, and others as Home Guards. Captains Brown and Stanbery raised a company from Pomeroy in July, 1861. Captain Mayer also raised a company at this time and went into camp at Mason City. Captain Samuel Titus, of Rutland, also raised a company. A Middleport company under Captain Behan was also raised; this was for cavalry. Captain T. J. Smith of Pomeroy, raised a company and went into camp at Mason City. Captain H. E. Titus, of Rutland, raised a company. Captain W. S. Bradshaw, of Chester, enrolled a company. Captain Wilson of Harrisonville organized a company of Scipio boys. Two companies had already been organized under Captains Wallar and Curtis, and were at this time in Gen. McClellan's Army in Western Virginia.

THE YEAR 1863.

The great battle year of the war—was ushered in by two important events: the memorable battle of Stone River, and the "Emancipation Proclamation" striking the shackles from three millions of slaves. Then came the

FALL OF VICKSBURGH

On the 4th of July, 1863, and was a day of rejoicing to the Union. "To whom shall we GRANT the MEADE of praise?" was telegraphed throughout the country, but Grant's star was in the ascendency, and the name of Grant was thenceforth to be the WATCHWORD to VICTORY and the OMEN to SUCCESS.

The friends of the Union throughout the north now saw the beginning of the end.

THE MORGAN RAID.

John Morgan, the famous raider, had, up to this time, July 1863, made numerous raids and forays across the mountains of eastern Kentucky and Tennessee into the Blue Grass region of Kentucky. These forays were a source of alarm to the Unionists, and exultation to the secessionists. And, now that he had actually invaded Northern territory, even crossing the Great Ohio, and though pursued fastly descended his forces to the east around Cincinnati and threatening even the State's capitol.

Let us view the situation here in Meigs county, even the possibility upon us of Morgan's evading all motives of capture and coming down upon even our own quiet community.

The Telegraph and daily papers announced the raid of Morgan into Indiana, but little did the citizens of Meigs county think that the marauders would resist all capture and come down on their own quiet little Meigs, but such was destined to be, and it was manifest Morgan was making for this region, and on Friday morning, July 17th, the militia companies that had been unable to report at Marietta, numbering about three or four hundred together

with the citizens began obstructing the road over which Morgan must pass and preparing to "bushwhack" the invaders. Scouts reported them on the way from Jackson, stealing horses, sacking stores, robbing private families and occasionally committing cold-blooded murders on the way. They camped on Friday night in Rutland, and all night rumors of all kinds startled the citizens, who from hour to hour expected an attack. No attack was made, and the gun-boats which had quietly dropped their anchors in front of Pomeroy were ready to give the invaders a welcome. It was supposed then that Hobson's forces were thirty or forty miles in the rear, and Judah's nearly as far. The object of our little force of militia was to obstruct the roads and harrass the rebels in the hope of detaining them until the pursuing forces could overtake them. In this they succeeded so far as to detain them some eight or ten hours. Morgan was deceived by the "bushwhacking" our boys gave him, supposing they were but the pickets of a large force in town. Early in the day he moved towards Pomeroy and Middleport on several roads, but was met by our boys behind their blockades, with such a reception as deceived Morgan, as before stated. He might, however, have succeeded in reaching town, but for the timely arrival at that moment, of the 23d Ohio, and 18th Va. regiments from the Kanawha, who, on double-quick, went to the relief of our militia; these blue coats diverted the rebels from their attempt to reach town, and they passed up the creek by the old fair grounds, a mile in our rear, and so onwards to Chester.

Our militia boys stood fire like veterans, the balls whistling round them like hornets from a disturbed nest, but none of them were hurt. The rebels did not escape so well, several being tumbled from their horses by our skirmishers.

Just before night, and about the time Morgan reached Chester, Gen. Judah's forces filed into town. Never was soldier's presence more welcome. They had ridden thirty miles, and were exhausted, tired and hungry. They stopped in the street some three or four hours to feed their jaded horses, and refresh and rest the weary men, and then followed on in the pursuit, correctly judging that Morgan was making for Buffington's Island, with a view of escaping into the Virginia hills. Soon after Gen. Judah left here our scouts reported Gen. Hobson passing up the road in the rear of the town on the trail of Morgan. It was a night of anxious suspense to our people, but it wore away at last, and soon on Sunday the report reached here, that the battle had opened in earnest at Buffington. In the fast flying and contradictory rumors, the desire to hear the result was most intense. Couriers were sent out, but each returned with a different story. All, however, agreed that Morgan was whipped, creating such a feeling of exultation as cannot be described.

It is not our purpose, as we have not room, to give a description of the fight. We could only do so from the representations of others, and not from personal observations. General results is all we are attempting, and the result of the collision was the defeat of Morgan in his attempt to cross the river —the killing of a number of his men, the wounding of more, and the capture of about eight hundred prisoners, with all his train, and an immense amount of stolen plunder which the thieves had collected from the stores and houses they had sacked on the route.

We think the truth of history requires us to say that there were some blunders committed, by which means Morgan, and a large part of his forces escaped at that time. He was effectually whipped—was completely hemmed in—had lost all of his artillery—was confused, wearied out, discouraged, and ready to surrender. In this state of things several of the subordinate officers begged the permission to take them at once, as they felt sure they could do: They were not permitted, being told that Morgan could not possibly get away, and would surely surrender without another fight, or attempt to escape. But, unfortunately, Morgan found a pilot who led him by private path-ways out of the trap, and our commander waked up to see his game gone.

About two hundred succeeded in crossing at Buffington, before the gunboats got there. The Marietta militia, who were on the ground to resist his passage, spiked their cannon, threw them over the bank and fled without firing a shot, thus leaving the ford clear. But, fortunately, the gunboats arrived in time to prevent the main body from crossing. It is supposed that about thirty were drowned.

Morgan having been thus led out of the trap, proceeded with his force to Bellville, where about one hundred more succeeded in crossing when the gunboat made its appearance and drove them back. Our forces were again on his trail and his immediate capture, was considered sure. In fact he was considered captured. It was reported on high official authority that Morgan and his whole army had surrendered there to Gen. Scammon. We suppose the officers of the gunboats believed the story, for they immediately left the scene, passed Pomeroy early in the day and proceeded on their way to Cincinnati! Soon after the gunboats had passed down, however, word was brought that the story of the capture of Morgan was false, that he was on his way back with three thousand men and would, undoubtly burn Pomeroy in retaliation for the resistance he had met here on his way up. Lips unaccustomed to swear then gave vent to oaths as sharp and finished as if turned out from old practitioners. These curses were leveled at whoever controlled the movement of affairs. Morgan, with three thousand of his desperadoes were upon us, and the gunboats steaming away with the pleasant falsehood that he had surrendered to Gen. Scammon! It must be confessed that the prospect of having our town sacked under such circumstances, was not the most pleasing. It was hoped for a while that the boats would not certainly pass out of reach suddenly: but that hope was soon dispelled. Scouts came in from Harrisonville and Rutland and reported Morgan on the way to Middleport with all speed. He laughed at those whom he captured and questioned, when told he would be met by the gunboats! He knew exactly when the gunboats passed and knew he would not be disturbed by them. The excitement of Saturday, was nothing to this. Our people could have stood to be sacked then without much grumbling. But knowing that any mischief Morgan could do them now would be the result of the sheerest blundering of those they had hailed the day before as their delivers made them doubly mad. Every man and boy who could get a gun of any kind determined to give the great "raider" the best fight he could, and moved off to meet

to intercept the rebels, who it was now ascertained were making for eight mile Island to cross, and that Hobson was close in the rear. The rebels reached the ford, fired into a steamer coming up to compel her to ferry them over, and a few had entered the water to cross, when the Condor steamed in sight! Morgan mistook her for a gunboat and skedaddled.

Worn out, dissappointed, and hopeless, Morgan's crowd went on awhile, when, overcome with fatigue, they tumbled down to rest! In this condition our pursuing forces came upon them! But we could not well take them while asleep and to wake them up in a hurry might cause some of them to get hurt; so a flag of truce was sent to Morgan by our commander. We don't know what message it carried, but believe it was something like an apology for disturbing him after he had encamped for the night, and respectfully suggesting to him the propriety of surrendering. General Morgan thought probably he had better surrender, but would like to have an hour or two to consider the matter.—Ordinary politeness required that the time should be given. It was given, and at its expiration Morgan and all his men who were not too profoundly asleep to be awakened, were several miles away! We gobbled up about 1020 that he left, and went again in the pursuit.

It is hardly necessary to attempt a detail of the chase since leaving this section, as the reports are too conflicting to be depended upon. They have been chased from this, through Gallia, Vinton, Athens, Morgan, Muskingum, Belmont, Guernsey, Harrison, Carroll, and Jefferson, into Columbiana County, where Morgan and some 600 of his men who had escaped up to that time, were captured, on Sunday the 26th, just a week from the date of his defeat at Buffington. The chase is unexampled by anything on record, and its results will prove of great importance.

To the rebels the loss was great. Morgan had acquired a reputation which few of the traitors enjoyed. He was furnished with an army of 5000 picked men, the very flower of the South, as to physical endurance. They were mounted on the best horses which Tennessee and Kentucky could produce. They were armed with the best of guns, revolvers, sabers &c., which British or American armories could furnish, and had one of the finest batteries of artillery in the country. All this was lost to the South and acquired by the Union.

The material lose in arms, horses, munitions, &c., was not less than $500,000 in good money, and could not be replaced for $5,000,000 in Confederate funds. But this was not the worst loss to the South. She had lost the prestige which the name of Morgan had heretofore carried with it. It was upon the whole, one of the severest inflictions of the war.

INCIDENTS OF THE RAID.

We see, by the papers, that the track of the marauders, from the time they crossed the Ohio, marked with scenes of theft, robbery, arson and murder. We have only space for a few items which occurred in this immediate vicinity. Hard as they were pressed they exercised their thieving propensity to the fullest extent. From the best information we can gather, more than a thousand horses were stolen by the gang, in this county. Every store on the line of their march, we believe, without an exception, was sacked and utterly robbed.

Thousands of dollars worth of goods which could be of no use to them were carried off and destroyed, seemingly in pure wantonness. Many private houses were entered and robbed of everything of value that could be found, even to women's shawls and children's clothing. But in this they seemed to be as capricious as wanton; for many escaped unharmed, nothing being taken from them but their horses, and provisions. Many of the citizens along the route were captured and robbed of their money, watches, and even penknives. Some were compelled, at the threat of their lives, to pilot them through their neighborhoods. Some of these they abused outrageously, and some they treated respectfully and even offered to reward liberally. Truth compels us to say that they did not, as a general thing, show special favors to those who announced themselves as "Vallandigham Democrats." In fact we have heard of several instances where they not only treated such pretensions with contempt, but actually committed personal violence upon them, denouncing them as "cowardly poltroons" for occupying the position tney did. This may have been because they did not believe they were honest in their statement, not conceiving how men could be so base as to claim friendship with the invaders of their country. This we think is the truest explanation, for we have heard of some instances in this county, and see it stated as the case in several others, that they exacted a pledge to vote for Vallandigham as a condition of the release of captured citizens, in addition to the ordinary parole. Beyond Chester they stopped a large funeral procession, took the coffin from the hearse and stole and carried away every horse in the procession. Time will not permit us to recount the thousandth part of the scenes of pillage and destruction of private property. The fine new bridge across Shade River, at Chester, and the Mills at the same place, were burned, in pure wantonness.

But these outrages only proved Morgan to be the leader of a band of thieves, robbers and incendiaries. To the disgrace of human nature, and as if to place the gang in its true light before the world, they committed numerous coldblooded murders, and attempted to commit many more by shooting at unarmed and peaceable citizens, many of whom escaped as if by miracle, having their clothes perforated by the balls of their murderous weapons. We give a few instances which occurred in our immediate neighborhood.

Holiday Hysell, an old man, seventy years of age, living four miles from town, "hazzahed!" for the Union. For this they shot him dead!

Dr. Hudson, known to all our citizens, also over seventy years of age, universally respected by all who knew him, lived neighbor to Hysell and started to go to him, when the dastardly murderers shot him, inflicting a mortal wound, from which he died the next day. In the murder of Hysell, they had the "traitor's plea" that a word spoken for the "Union" maddened them in their mission for its destruction. But for the murder of Dr. Hudson, they had not even that pretense of an excuse. He was simply on a mission of mercy; he taunted them with no word of patriotism or otherwise: his murder was simply cold-blooded, ferocious, brutal, devilish!

At Rock Spring, they captured Isaac Carleton Jr., son of Carleton of Syracuse, and another young man whose name we do not know. After robbing

them and keeping them some time they released them and ordered them to run on "double quick." They did so, and when at some distance the demons fired on them as hunters would upon wolves. Carleton was shot in the back, the ball passing through his body, and out of the right breast, and left for dead. His companions escaped with some holes in their clothes.

We cannot close without giving one instance more of the thieving propensity of Morgan's gang. Between two and three hundred had been captured by our militia, and confined in the Court House. In one case one hundred and twenty-five of them surrendered to seventeen of our boys, and begged like whipped dogs not to be shot. But safely in the Court House, and finding that they were not to be treated as they knew they deserved, the old propensity returned. The Ladies of the Soldier's Aid Society used one of the jury rooms in the Court House as the depot of the clothing and other stores prepared for our sick and wounded soldiers. They had a large stock on hand. And these precious thieves, while prisoners, broke open the room and stole the whole stock! Yes, these very villains, who, two days before, one hundred and twenty-five of them, with arms in their hands, begged for their lives at the hands of seventeen men, had the audacity to rob this depository, and, dressed in the stolen clothes, marched out of the house threatening vengeance against the "d—d Abolition town;" swearing that as soon as paroled they would come back and burn it up!

We have made this article too long already, but must say, in conclusion, that the conduct of our soldiers won the admiration of all our citizens. There were troops here from Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio.—They camped in our streets, in our yards, in every vacant space in and about our houses and gardens, they had free access everywhere at all hours, and no damage was done! We don't believe there was ever a considerable crowd of men congregated together at any place where the rights and property of the citizens were so scrupulously respected. And on the other hand we feel proud of our citizens for the noble liberality with which they treated the soldiers.—Every latch string was out, and every little coal was welcome as long as a morsel of provision remained. We heard hundreds of the soldiers say they never met with such a reception before, and that the remembrance of Pomeroy would be a bright spot in their recollections of the war.

VOLUNTEERS FROM MEIGS COUNTY DURING THE YEARS '61-2.

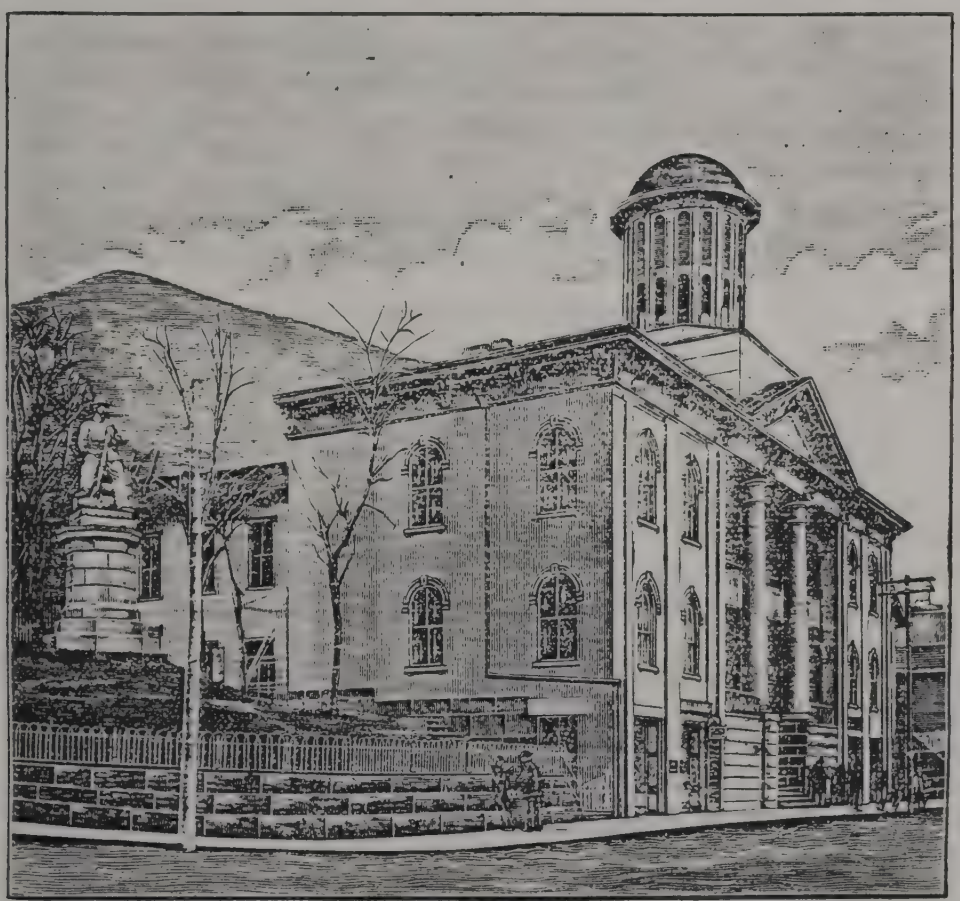
Bedford township, 108; Chester, 99; Columbia, 66; Lebanon, 138; Letart, 72; Olive, 106; Orange, 49; Rutland, 212; Salem, 95; Scipio, 168; Sutton, 144; Pomeroy City, 234; Middleport, 105.

THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Near the Court House stands the Soldiers' Monument, erected by the public spirited citizens of the county, in commemoration of her fallen heroes—those that sacrificed their lives in the glorious cause of the Union. The contract for the monument was given to O'Hare & Barry of Cincinnati, and was duly completed and dedicated in the fall of 1870. It is a stone shaft surmounted by a figure of a soldier in uniform.

DECORATION DAY, 1870 AT POMEROY.

The 30th day of May, 1870, was one of the greatest in the history of Pomeroy's public gatherings. Thousands of people gathered together to pay honors to the departed soldiery, and to witness the laying of the "Corner Stone" of the Soldiers' Monument at Pomeroy. The monument is a beautiful one and an honor to the county, a view of which is given with the Court House and



MEIGS COUNTY COURT HOUSE AND SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

grounds. The dead of "little" Meigs' patriotic soldiery sleep on fields where they fell, only where bodies could not be found. In the national cemeteries a nation has gathered them, and yearly as the spring time comes, the fairest of the land go forth and let fall upon their resting place the flowers and the tears of memory.

The City of Pomeroy, the County Seat of "Little" Meigs.

THE wealth and rapid advancement of the Buckeye State furnish the best possible illustrations of the growth of this great country. Her cities appear to have attained a degree of prosperity that is constantly reaping the reward of thrifty industry, while her soil is continually producing fabulous wealth, and her broad acres are thickly settled with embryo towns and cities whose future is bright with the promise of a glorious career. Among her promising cities is Pomeroy, the capital of Meigs county, situated on the Ohio River, about 218 miles above Cincinnati, in the township of Salisbury.

The site of the city of Pomeroy is peculiarly favorable to commerce, comfort, and health. It is handsomely built upon a level plain extending up and down the Ohio River, in the heart of one of the richest and most populous agricultural sections of the State. From its situation, its fertile soil, its wealth, and its water-power, Pomeroy must become, ere long, an important town, a place of commerce and industrial enterprise. Its people want neither industry, energy, nor capital, but possess, on the other hand, all these elements of prosperity in a high and gratifying degree.

It is an admitted fact that the true foundation of a city's prosperity is its manufacturing industries. A prosperity based exclusively upon a commercial business must necessarily be ephemeral. A city which, for instance, depends upon any one or more of the great agricultural staples for support, for business, and for growth is liable to become paralyzed in her energies and interests, not only by failure in the production of such staples, but from their diversion to other points whose eligibility gives them the advantage and preference as markets. Such also, are the fluctuations in prices of articles of produce that no certainty of successful operations can be relied upon, and when uncertain, feverish, and exciting speculation underlies the business of any community, there is no guarantee of permanent and staple prosperity; whereas, where manufacturing is carried on successfully, there is a steady, healthy, and sub-

stantial growth. Illustrations of this truth are abundant throughout Ohio and Pomeroy owes its importance, both present and future, to its manufacturing industries, and to its extensive coal, salt and bromine works. These comprise several large foundries, and factories, the principal output of which are stone and tile products, iron products, door, sash, blinds, and furniture.

The city is fast becoming the centre of a large and important local trade, being located in the midst of a large agricultural district, of which it is the leading source of supply for many important lines of trade. Its business houses are conducted by some of the best-known and most influential citizens who are energetic, wide-awake, and enterprising in securing supplies in their trade, and are important factors in building up the name and fame of Pomeroy as an important trade center. This condition of affairs gives every assurance of steady, substantial growth and permanent prosperity.

The educational advantages possessed by the city are a source of just pride to her people, and are heartily appreciated by her many pupils.

RELIGION AND EDUCATION.

The history of Pomeroy, as regards the morality and religious character of her people, is very flattering. She is celebrated for the number and strength of her religious societies as also, for the strength and progress of her schools.

CHURCHES AND RELIGION.

Religion, the handmaid of education, was considered by the early settlers of Pomeroy, first and foremost in all things, and most essential to human progress. Thus have been organized many strong religious societies in the city.

The Society of Presbyterians.—On April 2nd, 1847, according to a call issued, the persons interested in the organization of a Presbyterian Church met in the old Court House. No quorum being present, they adjourned to meet at the same place on the 26th of April in the same year. The following persons were present: Mr. James Ralston and wife, Mr. Issac Knapp and wife, Mr. Marcus Bosworth and wife, Elihu Stedman and Dr. Guthrie. A quorum being present they proceeded to effect an organization by electing Mr. Marcus Bosworth chairman and Isaac Knapp Secretary. The following persons were elected Trustees: Marcus Bosworth, James Ralston and G. S. Guthrie. This organization of earnest men and women felt the need of a place in which to worship God. In the same year a lot was procured and the erection of a church building was begun, but was not completed until some time in the year 1848. In performing this work much hard labor and self-denial was necessary. But as a reward of all this a prosperous organization sprung up which has been the means of doing much good in the city of Pomeroy. At the time of the organization Mr. Reed Wilkinson was pastor and Mr. Marcus Bosworth Elder. During the ten years of Mr. Wilkinson's pastorate the church rapidly increased in number and influence. Of the pastorates of Twombley, Reid, Merwin, Wright, Davis, Hughes and Brown, time and space will not permit us to speak of the good work done by them. Sufficient to say that during their pastorates great good was ac-

complished. Rev. Turnbull, who is pastor now, and has been for nearly four years, has continued the good work of his predecessors, and feeling the need of a new place went assidously to work, and mainly through his efforts enough money was subscribed to erect the building. And on October 6, 1890, work was begun. The building to be erected is a Romanesque Architecture, containing in all five rooms, the material to be of Pomeroy pressed brick. Mr. James Ralston is the only surviving charter member who has been with the church from its infancy.

The German Presbyterian.—The German Presbyterian Society is under the pastorship of Rev. Miller.

The St. John's German Presbyterian.—This society at present is fairly strong and the pastor is the Rev. Fisher.

The Methodists.—The society of Methodists is one of the strongest in the city, the present pastor being Rev. D. S. Porter, and supporting the Y. P. S. C. E. one of the strongest Christian Endeavors in the country.

German M. E. The German M. E. Society is perhaps, one of the best regulated societies in the city. It has a membership of about one hundred, and on the whole, is one of the most prosperous. The present pastor is the Rev. Wm. A. Schruff. The "Epworth League" in this society, is very active and does much good.

Welsh M. E. Society. This has no regular minister at present, but yet is in a good thriving condition.

Colored Societies. There are two colored societies, both Methodists, viz: M. E. and Wesleyan M. E.

Welsh Congregational. The oldest religious society organized in the Northwest Territory was that of the "Congregationalists" at Marietta, Dec. 6, 1796. The Congregational Church here has no regular pastor at present.

Society of Baptists. This society was organized many years since, and has done much good for the city. It has no regular pastor at this special time, though the society is in strength very good.

German Lutheran. There are two societies of German Lutherans, designated as the "Upper," under the pastorship of Dr. Otto Voight, and the "Lower" German Lutheran, with the Rev. Solomon as pastor. Both are thriving societies.

The Catholics. The Catholics have a very strong church and school. The church is a large frame structure, and the school building a large brick. It supports two church societies, viz: Knights of St. George and Knights of St. Joseph.

RECAPITULATION.

The city, as stated in previous chapters, is noted for her churches, sixty-five per cent. of all her citizens being church going people, and supports twelve churches, viz: First Presbyterian, German Presbyterian, St. John's Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, German M. E., Welsh M. E., Free Will M. E., Colored, Wesleyan M. E., colored, Welsh Congregational, Baptist, German Lutheran, Catholic.

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION.

The earliest dates show schools to have been opened in Pomeroy, and the education of youth has always been one of the city's most earnest factors. The pupils are at present accommodated in six school buildings, the property of the Board of Education, in all, twenty-three rooms, with a seating capacity of about two thousand. They are as follows:—Kerr's Run Building, frame, 3 rooms, 1st ward; Central, brick, 6 rooms, 2d ward; Lincoln Hill, frame, 2 rooms, Sugar Run, brick, 6 rooms, High School, brick, 3 rooms, 3d ward; Coalport, brick, 3 rooms, 4th ward.

Twenty-two teachers are employed in these various departments, twenty English and two German. The number of school children (enumeration of '90) 1,684. The schools are in a prosperous condition, and have always maintained a prosperous attitude. The graduating class this year numbers 14.

GRADES.

The schools are divided into three departments of four years, or grades, each; the Primary consisting of those in the first four years of the course; the Grammar, of those in the second, the High School, of those in the third.

There has been a gradual change in the distribution of pupils among the teachers, so that instead of from three to six grades under one teacher, only two of the twenty-two teachers below the High School, exclusive of the colored schools, have more than two grades each under their care. This arrangement makes it possible to do much more thorough work.

EXAMINATIONS AND PROMOTIONS.

Written examinations are held every two months except in the lowest primary classes, the tests for which are prepared by the Superintendent. This plan is modified somewhat in its application to the High School. In addition to these written examinations the teachers grade their pupils at the close of each intervening month, applying such tests as they choose, and taking into account the general character of the recitation work done by each pupil. Upon the results of these various tests promotions are made at the close of each year. In special cases, however, pupils are promoted whenever found qualified. But candidates for admission to the High School are required to pass an additional examination upon tests prepared by the Superintendent and teachers of the High School. The first class graduated from the High School in 1876, and were: Alice E. Grant, Nettie A. Grow, Zora McKnight, Chas. L. Huntley, E. C. S. Rehm, Geo. E. Smith.

Board of Education.—J. W. Thomas, Artemus Williams, B. R. Remington, Daniel W. Daniels, J. P. Genheimer, L. M. Harvey; Superintendent, M. Bowers.

City Board Examiners.—T. C. Flanegin, J. F. Ohl.

SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

This city has its full share of secret societies and all seemingly in a prosperous and thrifty condition.

FREE MASONRY.

Freemasonry is probably the most universally diffused society in the world. Whatever may be said for or against it, it is evident it has great elements of strength. These have enabled it to outlive all sorts of revolutions in human governments and come up smiling, its organizations intact and offering a level ground on which all may meet. Where it prospers it is safe to say society is benefitted by it though it works silently.

POMEROY LODGE, No. 164, F. & A. M.—Instituted April 3, 1848. Election December 14, 1891. Officers: D. Lark, W. M.; H. C. Fish, S. W.; S. L. Parsons, J. W.; John McQuigg, Treas.; D. C. Davis, Sec'y; F. E. Bolton, S. D.; L. H. Chapman, J. D.; L. H. Lee, Tyler; L. H. Lee, E. F. Feiger, Stewards.

POMEROY CHAPTER, No. 80, R. A. M.—Instituted April 21, 1858. Election December 17, 1891. Officers: F. E. Bolton, H. P.; A. F. Chapman, K.; James Crosbie, S.; W. A. Race, C. H.; H. H. Davis, P. S.; David Lark, R. A. C.; W. L. Downie, Treas.; G. W. Plantz, Sec'y; A. P. Ashworth, M. 3 V.; S. L. Parsons, M. 2 V.; E. T. Rees, M. 1 V.; R. P. Skinner, Guard.

BOSWORTH COUNCIL, No. 46, R. & S. M.—Instituted February 1st, 1867. Election November 13, 1891. Officers: L. H. Lee, T. I M.; L. O. Cooper, D. M.; C. C. Williams, P. Con. W.; N. Barnes, Treas.; Alex Short, Recorder; J. S. Boggess, C. of Guard; Ed Lark, Con. of C.; Louis Haag, Steward; Jos. H. Corben, Sentinel.

OHIO VALLEY COMMANDERY No. 24, K. T.—Instituted March 3, 1870. Election November 12, 1891. Officers: E. F. Feiger, E. C.; John McQuigg, G.; L. O. Cooper, C. G.; L. H. Lee, P.; Edward Davis, S. W.; Christ. Hile, J. W.; W. A. Race, Tr.; W. L. Downie, Rec.; F. Besserer, St. Bearer; J. J. L. McElhinny, Sd. B.; Ed Lark, Warder; R. P. Skinner, Sentinel; H. H. Davis, 1st Guard; Sid Coe, 2d Guard; G. W. Plantz, 3d Guard.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Geo. W. Plantz, E. M. Nye and F. M. Bolton.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.—E. F. Feiger, A. F. Chapman, L. M. Harvey, S. L. Parsons and A. P. Ashworth.

VISITATION COMMITTEE.—L. H. Lee, A. P. Ashworth, Ed Rees and D. L. Thomas.

ODD FELLOWSHIP.

If the Masonic fraternity can claim greater antiquity than the Odd Fellows, they can in turn claim greater numbers in the United States than any other benevolent social organization. There are four orders in the city, viz.: Pomeroy Encampment, Rhine Lodge, Naomi Lodge and Mineral Lodge.

POMEROY ENCAMPMENT, No. 68. Instituted September 14, 1865. Officers: L. L. Hayman, C. P.; A. Reid, S. W.; A. Houk, J. W.; D. Findling, H. P,; T. T. Williams, Sec.; M. Blattner, Treas.

MINERAL LODGE.—Instituted April 26, 1854. Officers: I. Parker, N. G.; Thos. Wintell, V. G.; F. Lyman, Rec. Sec.; W. L. Downie, Per. Sec.; W. A. Race, Treas.

POMEROY LODGE, No. 389, I. O. G. T.—Instituted September, 1889. Officers: Prof. Morris Bowers, C. T.; J. J. Speaker, P. C. T.; Miss Etta Bradfield, V. T.; W. Stroers, Chap.; Jas. Smith, Treas.; Mrs. Jas, Hundley, Fin.

Sec.; Miss Rilla Vincent, Sec.; Jas. Hundley, Mar.; Miss Emma Waterman, Guard; Sq. A. P. Ashworth, L. D. Meets every Friday night in G. A. R. Hall. Number of members, 100.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.—Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers. Organized 1890. Wm. Miller, Pres.; John Smith, Treas. D. W. Jones, Sec.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

The city has a fine electric plant and her citizens at night walk in a "new light."

LANDINGS.

There have at different times been many improvements made in the landings, until to-day Pomeroy has good landings and first class accommodations in water transportation.

MANUFACTORIES.

In manufactories, Pomeroy is rapidly gaining distinction among the manufacturing cities of the State. She offers an unsurpassed field for the best results in return for capital invested in this respect. The city presents a record of ever increasing activity, old manufacturing establishments showing enchanced facilities and augmented out-put, and new ones constantly adding to the importance of the city as a productive centre. Manufacturers have made Pomeroy prosperous by supplementing her natural advantages, with all the aids of modern progress and enlightened methods. This subject is treated more fully in following chapters. Few cities in the Union of the same population, can make a more creditable showing than Pomeroy, and, what is more gratifying, each succeeding year witnesses the number of manufactories steadily increasing, and the out-put of products rapidly augmenting.

WHOLESALE, JOBBING AND RETAIL INTERESTS.

In none of the other departments of industry is a more gratifying exhibit made, than in the wholesale, jobbing and retail interests of the city. From the earliest period of our written history, the city has been known as a "trading centre." The merchants, keen and active in competition for trade, supply not only a large home demand through the medium of her retail houses; but an extensive outside trade, which focuses here from the entire southeastern portion of Ohio..

Indeed many of our larger cities are invaded by her army of traveling salesmen, and a profitable trade is steadily reverting to her business houses and factories from such localities. The main factor that enables Pomeroy merchants and manufacturers to undersell most other localities, is the advantages emanating from the city's desirable location for both shipping and receiving goods, supplemented by her unrivaled facilities, for almost all departments of manufacture and commerce are represented and all doing a good business.

RECAPITULATION.

A brief summary of the forgoing statements will show the manufacturing and jobbing interests of Pomeroy combined, and will amount to $5,000,000; these figures representing less instead of more than the actual business of the city.

The classification of the different enterprises is as follows:

Manufacturing establishments, 24; wholesale houses 1; retail houses 88; miscellaneous 54; grand total, 167.

To give an idea of the diversity of her interests, we annex a table giving an analysis of the trade and business interests of Pomeroy at the present time.

Agricultural Implements,	2	Furniture,	4
Art Stores,	1	Hardware	4
Attorneys,	10	Harness,	2
Bakers,	3	Hats and Caps, Gents' Furnishings,	2
Banks,	2	Hotels and Restaurants,	4
Barbers,	4	Ice Manufactories,	1
Blacksmiths,	2	Insurance,	5
Bookstores,	2	Jewelers	3
Boot and Shoes,	6	Liquors, Wholesale,	1
Bottling Works,	1	Liquors, Retail,	12
Breweries,	1	Livery,	2
Brick Manufactories,	1	Marble Works,	1
Carriage Mfr's and supplies,	1	Meat Markets,	2
China, Etc.,	2	Merchant Tailors,	4
Cigar Manufactories,	1	Millinery,	3
Clothing and Furnishing,	2	Musical Merchandise,	1
Coal Dealers,	2	Newspapers,	3
Confections and Fruits,	3	Notions,	2
Contractors and Builders,	3	Photographers,	2
Dentists,	2	Physicians	4
Dress Makers,	3	Planing Mills,	2
Drugs,	3	Pork Packers,	1
Dry Goods,	9	Printers and Publishers,	3
Electric Light Co.,	1	Sewing Machines,	2
Express Companies,	2	Tinware,	1
Flour and Feed,	2	Transfer Companies,	1
Flouring Mills,	2	Wagon Manufactories,	3
Funeral Directors,	1		
		Total	167

Pomeroy's Most Enterprising Citizen's and Wide-Awake Business Men.

W. A. Aicher, Jeweler, Front St.

AS a historical item relating to this department of art, we notice the fact that the first watches were made in Nuremberg, Germany, in 1477 and for centuries a watch was a luxury, none but the wealthy could afford. Even down to the opening of the present century they were still too expensive to be owned by persons in modern circumstances. Thanks to American skill and genius, and the progressive spirit of the age, that state of affairs has passed, not only with regard to watches and clocks, but in a large measure with diamonds, precious stones and useful and ornamental jewelry and silverware. As an evidence of this fact the reader has only to step into the attractive jewelry house of Mr. W. A. Aicher, on Front St., who is not only recognized as a leader in this line in the city, but is among the best in Southern Ohio. He is a deft worker in watches and jewelry, having worked in this line from childhood up. He has been in business in this city since the year 1857, and in his present quarters since 1859. His native home is in the city of Eastern Pennsylvaina. The show cases exhibit a large line of the best diamond goods, watches and cases, jewelry and gold pens manufactured in the land. Also all other goods common to a first class jewelry house. A large and complete stock of fancy silverware in various designs, and optical goods in spectacles, opera glasses, etc. Also, musical instruments, precious stones. diamonds, etc. Mr. Aicher is among the most reliable workmen of the city, and one of her most enterprising citizens, and has served the city as one of its councilmen for ten years.

F. C. ARD, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

Formerly Resident Physician Bay View Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Cor. Court and Front Streets, - - - - Pomeroy, Ohio.

A. P. Ashworth, Dealer in Hardware, Farm Machinery, Fertilizer and Wagons. Second St.

THE general hardware trade is one of the most important branches of commercial enterprise, associated with our leading centres of trade. In this connection, we are justified in the full and extensive notice accorded to Mr. Ashworth, whose complete facilities for meeting the requirements of this department, are unsurpassed in this section of the state. He is a thoroughly practical and reliable business man of many years' experience. In order to give some conception of the facilities enjoyed, we notice the premises occupied, which embrace a two story structure, 60x75 feet in dimensions. He carries in

stock a complete line of general hardware, embracing farmers' and mechanics' tools, table and pocket cutlery, blacksmiths', painters' and builders' supplies. He is the most extensive dealer in farm machinery of all kinds, in the County. He makes a specialty of the Buckeye Self binders, reapers, and mowers. He has a full line of hay rakes, including the famous Buckeye cultivators, plows, Keystone harrows and Buckeye drills. Every implement needed by a farmer can be found in his stock. A full line of wagons is kept. He has established business relations with some of the best manufacturers of these goods and can compete with any contemporaneous concern in this line. He carries in stock a complete line of fertilizers from the Cleveland Dryer Company, and the Londenback Company. His great specialty is made on all the principal grades manufactured by the Cleveland Company. He is prepared to quote the very lowest prices on this article. Mr. Ashworth is a native of this county, born August 21, 1851. He is at present holding the responsible office of Justice of the Peace, which position he has held during the last six years. He is a wide-awake and enterprising young man, full of energy and is very popular with all classes. By his straightforward methods of fair and honorable dealing, he has won the confidence of our most prominent business men and citizens, and the large and flourishing patronage he commands is the natural result of fair, honorable dealing, combined with the highest qualities for the lowest price.

B. F. Biggs, Furnishing Undertaker, And Dealer in Sash, Doors, Shingles, Lath, Nails, Glass, Paints, Oils, Varnishes and General Hardware.

THE annually increasing importance of the business of the State of Ohio, and the marvelous advances that have been made during the past quarter century, leads to a more than ordinary interest in all those enterprises which are identified with manufacturing industries and resources. The progressive features of American trade manufacture and ingenuity, are matters of surprise to other nations in many respects, and bring into requisition methods of operation both novel and effective. Among those whose facilities are the result of comprehensive ideas and intelligent enterprise, and embrace special advantages in the several departments of trade, characterizing it, is the house of Mr. B. F. Biggs, on Front St., furnishing undertaker and manufacturer of coffins and caskets, and dealer in sash, doors, shingles, lath, nails, glass, paints, oils, varnishes, and general hardware. Mr. B. F. Biggs is a native of Cape May County, N. J., born on the 9th day of December, 1833. He came to this city at the age of twenty-four years, or in the year 1857. His first effort at enterprise was as contractor and builder, which he followed up to seven years ago, or twenty-seven years in all and during these years, many of the houses in Pomeroy were built by him. Thus the town grew at his hands year after year. During twenty-one years of this period, he was also one of the most extensive lumber dealers in the county. For twenty-six years past he has been engaged in manufacturing coffins and caskets, and it is in this line we find his one of the most representative houses in the State. Here are manufactured all grades of burial caskets, from the cheapest to the very best, with the largest stock of undertakers' supplies in Southern Ohio. The house has three fine hearses, and are at all times prepared to take entire charge of funerals in the most decorous and appropriate manner, preparing the body for burial, and managing the minutest details of "the last sad rites," relieving the family and friends from all unpleasant responsibilities in the hour of their affliction. The business of the house has increased so wonderfully in the past, that instead of having the appearance of a furnishing undertaking establishment, it seems to the casual observer, as the establishment of a jobber in these goods, so large, fine and comprehensive is the stock. They are beyond any doubt, the most skillful and experienced embalmers in this section of the State, doing a large business in this line, over a radius of fifteen or twenty miles of the adjacent country, among a population of about forty thousand people. There is no stronger or more representative house in the country in all its lines. You can obtain anything in builders, material, sash, doors, blinds, shingles, lath, nails, glass, etc. Also, anything in the general hardware line. The premises occupied embrace a fine three story building 28x65 feet, and outside of this a ware-house 25x106 feet in dimensions. Mr. Biggs is among the oldest business men of the city, having been one of its most active and energetic factors for the past thirty-five years. His life has been one of marked business activity, and Meigs county has no more successful enterprises, nor none that are more widely known or more favorably looked upon than the house of the subject of this sketch.

Ed. Byrne, Veterinary Surgeon and Dealer in Groceries and Liquors, Union Avenue.

THE horse, like mankind, is subject to many ills in this world, and having proven himself of such wonderful utility, it early becomes necessary for mankind to be able to treat the horse

scientifically. As a result, we to-day, have a corps of competent veterinary surgeons, scattered throughout the country, that make the disease of the horse a specialty. In this capacity we notice the subject of this sketch, Ed. Byrne. For years he has been called here and there, treating the horse with the utmost skill and marked success, and has won a wide reputation for his successes with the horse. He is a native of this county, born and raised about three miles northeast of this city. For the past seven years he has conducted one of the finest grocery and liquor houses in the city, located at the head of Union Avenue. He keeps in stock all those articles common to a first-class grocery house, and also, the finest of drinks, his place being the resort of many of our leading citizens.

Miss M. H. Collet, Milliner and Dressmaker.

IN millinery the attractions to be found in this city are scarcely surpassed in our metropolitan centers, and among these establishments whose stock and taste displayed in the trimming department, secures the patronage of many of the leading ladies of this city and surrounding country, we notice especially that of Miss M. H. Collet. She carries in stock the newest pattern hats and bonnets, ornaments and trimmings and takes special pains to meet the pleasure of patrons in the trimming department. She has in connection a dress making establishment. She uses the best known system of cutting to insure neat and perfect fits, and exercises a cultivated and aesthetic taste in the adjustment of trimming and draping, while her prices will always be found reasonable. Miss Collet is a native of Mason City, W. Va., and has been in business here ten years and has two assistants, skilled artists in this line of business.

L. O. Cooper, Auditor of Meigs County.

MR. COOPER, the subject of our sketch is a native of Meigs county, Ohio, born in 1844, and is a resident of Middleport, this county. In 1861 when our country was assailed—responding to the call, he enlisted July 18th, 1861, under Capt. D. A. Russell, Co. E, 4th, West Virginia Infantry, and went to the front, serving in this regiment until June 2nd, 1864. At this time he re-enlisted in the 20th, West Virginia infantry, serving in this regiment until the close of the war May 2nd, 1865, he received his honorable discharge. Returning to his native town he engaged as bookkeeper and followed that profession up to the time he was elected to this office. He was elected to his present position in November, 1889, and assumed charge of the office Sept. 8th, 1890. He obtained his education at the public schools, which was very limited. No office associated with the administration of county affairs entails as great a trust and responsibility as that of auditor of the county. Although but lately installed into the office he gives promise of one of the best administrations the county has ever had and we venture the assertion, that the office could not have fallen into better hands.

Jas. Crosbie & Son, Merchant Tailors, Court Street.

TRADITION has not handed down to the inhabitants of the present age an account of the origin or locality of the primitive tailor, but certain it is that the art and science of the manufacture of clothing had its inception several centuries previous to the Christian Era. But its origin is of little importance, as we only have to deal with the present. Identified with this branch of the trade we are pleased to mention more especially the establishment conducted by Messrs.

James Crosbie & Son. Mr. Jas. Crosbie, the senior member of this firm, is a native of Scotland; he was born in 1830, and came to America in 1849, coming direct to this city. Forty years ago he engaged in the tailoring business and has been following this trade ever since. He was a member of the Pomeroy Merchant tailoring company. Three years ago the present firm became their successors. They carry in stock a nice line of piece goods, and have samples of all the latest and most fashionable fabrics of both foreign and American looms, and in all weights and colors. For a handsome dress or business suit of the best style and make, at the lowest price for good material and skilled workmanship one can do no better than to call at this establishment.

Mary M. Cutler, M. D., Physician and Surgeon. Office on Mulberry Street.

HALF a century ago there was little disposition shown by the male sex to favor the opening of avenues of education and culture to any great extent to the female sex, and especially were our medical colleges barred againts the admission of woman to its sacred precincts, and it has remained for the past quarter of a century in the growth of civilization and intelligence to find practically demonstrated the sphere of woman in literature, science and art. The opening of our progressive colleges of medicine to women has proven a wise and beneficial step, fully justified by the able and successful practitioners in medicine and surgery in many of the leading cities. Doctress Mary M. Cutler, after receiving the benefits of a liberal literary education, engaged in the study of her chosen profession, and subsequently graduated from the Michigan University at Ann Harbor in the department of medicine and surgery, in the class of 1888. She was intern at the University Hospital one year. She then came to this city and located, where she brings into requisition those accomplishments which justify the promise of excellent success in her chosen vocation.

Adam Darling, Merchant Tailor, Cor. Second and Mechanics St's.

TO dress well may not be the chief end of man, but the character of his attire certainly has a great influence on his career in life. It affects not only the opinion of others, but in a large degree his own self respect. One of the leading merchant tailoring establishments devoted to masculine attire in the city, we notice that of Mr. Adam Darling, located on the corner of Second and Mechanics streets. Mr. Darling has been engaged in this line of business for the last twenty-five years, and now employs on an average five experienced hands. He has a complete line of samples of the newest styles of piece goods, and suitings adapted to the season, from both foreign and American looms, and can guarantee to patrons neat and perfect fits, and first-class workmanship in all cases. Mr. Darling is a Scotchman by birth; was born in 1832, and came to this country in 1852. He has formed a wide circle of social and business acquaintances, and is well and favorable known as one of Pomeroy's best citizens.

The Extensive Plant of the Pomeroy Planing Mill and Sash Factory. Jno. S. Davies & Son, Prop'rs.

THE contents of this work being designed to convey to the reader some idea of the business capabilities, industrial resources and commercial relations of this city, it has been our aim to present to the public only such establishments as may be justly regarded active elements in advancing the general prosperity of Pomeroy. It is, therefore, our privilege and pleasure to present a concern, which, in strength and enterprise, is fully de-

serving of the warmest enconiums. We refer to the above named institution, producers of building materials and dealers in lumber, lath, shingles, pickets, doors, sash, blinds, stair work, and all builders' materials. The institution dates its establishment prior to the war, and each year of its past existence has steadily increased it in volume and influence. It is owned and operated by Messrs. John S. Davies and son. John S. Davies, the senior member, is a native of Wales, and has been connected with the business interests of Pomeroy for many years, but is no longer active in the business. Mr. W. H. Davies, the junior member, is a native of this city, and it is upon him most of the business of the plant devolves, and to him much of its success may be attributed. The mills are abundantly provided with the newest and best machinery in use, the motor being an engine of eighty-horse power. Forty expert hands are given constant employment. The range of manufacture embraces sash, doors, blinds, and an extended line of wood work, the character of which is familiar to those in interest, including, as it does, all the standard articles demanded by the carpenter, contractor, builder, and others. These are produced in great quantity and variety, the best selected materials utilized in all cases, and only reliable and first-class goods turned out. The lumber yards are in close proximity, and cover an area of one and a half acres. An immense stock of lumber of all descriptions, lath, and shingles is carried, a good assortment of all dimensions and grades being on hand at all times. The extraordinary facilities and resources of the concern enable it to place its goods on the market at lower prices than could be afforded by establishments less favorably situated, and when to this is added the prompt and reliable manner in which orders are filled, and the solicitude manifested by the officers in maintaining its name and trade, we have the true secret of the rapid rise of an establishment, the record of whose growth is an interesting chapter in the commercial history of Pomeroy's greatest institutions. From thirty to thirty-five hands are given employment at the plant and the best of work is turned out at all times.

A. B. Donnally, Mayor.

THE present efficient mayor of Pomeroy is a native and life-long resident of this county; was born Jan. 5th 1827. After he attained his years of manhood, he engaged in the mercantile business, and then turned his attention to agricultural interests for a few years. In 1862 he was elected to the office of Clerk of Meigs county Courts. His popularity and faithful discharge of his duties of this office is attested by the fact that he was elected and re-elected and held the office for thirteen years. This office he filled to the entire satisfaction of the public interest, as is attested by the fact that the citizens of the city of Pomeroy nominated and elected him Mayor of this city in 1887, and re-elected him in 1889, and at the recent election (April, 1891,) he was elected the third time to this responsible office. He has always been fair toward his political opponents, and enjoys the full confidence of all parties, and has always discharged the duties of his office with impartiality to all. He is one of Pomeroy's highly respected and honored citizens. He is also connected with some of the best insurance companies of the country, among them is the Dwelling House Insurance Co., of Boston, Mass., cash capital $300,000, and the Cleveland Ohio Mutual Live Stock Insurance Association, protecting certificate holders against fire, lightning, accident, diseases, cyclones, and tornadoes. Give him a call.

Robt. Dyke, Treasurer of Meigs, County.

MR. ROBERT DYKE, is a native of England, born in 1839. He came to America in 1853, and located at Pomeroy, where he has resided ever since. For many years he was con-

nected with the mining interests of this community and for several years was general manager for the Pomeroy Coal Co., and the Winsor Salt Works. In 1888 he was placed upon the Republican ticket as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, to which honorable position he was elected, with a majority of 1,725, and re-elected in 1890 with a large majority. As a county official he enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people of Meigs county regardless of party, and as a citizen he is one of whom the people of Pomeroy are justly proud, and his prompt attention to the duties of his office and the courteous and pleasant manner in which he receives persons into his office has made him scores of friends in all parts of the county.

T. H. Davis & Co., Meat Market, Front St.

THOS. H. DAVIS, the subject of this sketch, was born March 12th, 1840, at Pentra Berw, Angleshire, a Welsh village in North Wales. He attended school until twelve years of age, when he went to Bangor, North Wales, to learn the trade of a moulder in a foundry. Dilligently he applied himself to his chosen avocation, and six years he was employed in his calling in and about his native place. On Easter Monday, April 5th, 1858, he was married to Miss Margaret Williams, daughter of Robert Williams, of Mona Lodge. About this time Mr. Davis decided to leave the place of his nativity, but was undecided whether Australia or America would be the better place to go. He was prevailed upon, however, by relatives who were in America, to come here, so in June 1858, with his wife set sail for this country. The voyage was a long and stormy one, and it was not until Monday July 15th, that they reached New York city. No time was lost in the Metropolis, and before the evening of the day of their arrival, they had reached their destination, Johnstown, Pa. Here, Mr. Davis, at once, went to work in the coal mines, but was taken severely ill and for six weeks was confined to his room. With regaining strength he engaged to work in a blacksmith shop, and followed this until fully recovered when he once more began mining coal, and continued at that occupation until April 1859, when he came to Pomeroy, which at that time was the Mecca of Miners. With his little family, which had been increased by the arrival of a daughter, he embarked from the boat which had brought them from Pittsburgh, landing in the Remington Hotel, the river being high over the banks of the city. He soon obtained employment hauling water in the coal mines, but gave this up as soon as he secured work mining coal, and until 1863 he was thus employed excepting at times when mining was slow at which times he followed his occupation as moulder, in the Pomeroy foundry. In 1863 he embarked in the meat business. Begining with a capital less than $100. Indeed so small was the beginning that he was compelled to deliver all his meat, which was very little, in a basket. It may be interesting to those who do not believe in starting on a small scale, to know that Mr. Davis first bought a sheep, sold it, carrying around the dressed carcass to his neighbors. Soon one sheep was not enough, and a calf and a sheep were doled out in a similar manner, his trade kept increasing and ere long he was financially able to purchase a beef and his trade at the same time had so increased that he could dispose of it. Time rolled on and with each successive day his business continued to increase. By practicing strictly honorable and business like principles; recognizing "Honesty is the best policy," and with a determination to "Do unto others as he would be done by," he has built up a trade which is second to none in Meigs county. His slaughtering yards and packing houses which are located in the Fourth Ward, have been rebuilt and improved within late years, he has added an immense ice house, built of brick, and

with the largest capacity of any within a radius of many miles, and is constantly adding needed improvments made necessary for the carrying on of his extensive business. Shortly after the close of the war Mr. Davis opened a meat market in the city and about 1870 purchased the property which he now occupies. In 1883 he purchased from J. W. Worley his Middleport meat market, and has built up a flourishing trade, which is steadily increasing under the efficient management of his son William G. Davis. Mr. Davis until about ten years ago was engaged in the fresh meat business, but at that time on a very small scale, he began packing pork, first for his own trade then for wholesale, and each year has seen his business in this branch increase until now it has reached quite extensive proportions, the gross weight of hogs packed during the three packing months of the winter of '90-91 amounting to over 200,000 pounds, and this large amount will not be enough to carry him through the year. This industry which gives promise of continued increase is of peculiar importance to this county and vicinity, as it provides a home market for the farmers who have stock to sell, and at the same time furnishes a home market at which dealers in the county can purchase salt meats, lard &c. Thus saving cost of freight, wharfage, drayage, shrinkage, and sundry other charges which tend to cut down both shipper and consumer's profit. And at the same time the money is kept here in our own vicinity, instead of sending it to outside localities. It will thus no doubt be a saving of money to dealers and individual purchasers or consumers to give this establishment a call when in need of anything in their line. The Pomeroy branch of the business is under the management of Mr. Davis' oldest living son.

Hugh H. Davis, the Middleport branch as above stated under management of his next eldest son, William G. Davis. Mr. Davis himself still devoting his time to the control and superintendency of the Packing House purchasing of stock, and wholesale transactions. Mr. Davis has served as a member of the Pomeroy council, being elected from a strong Democratic ward, though he is and always has

H. H. Davis.

been an ardent and devoted follower of the principles of the Republican party. He also served three terms on the Board of Education, nine years in all. Though his education as far as books are concerned, was very limited, Mr. Davis, has by careful observation and considerable reading later in life, become a well informed man, and is recognized as a man of sound judgment, great decision and more than the usual amount of good common sense. He is destinctively a self made man, and has reached his standing in life through his untiring attention to business, a careful and economical garnering of his forces, and yet a liberal and encouraging attitude toward all matters of public improvement. To his companion in life he owes much of his success and to her he gives great credit. To their union have been born eleven children, nine of whom are living, named as follows in the order of their age; Elizabeth S.,

Lewis, Hugh H., William G., Thos. H. Jr., John Stanley, Sadie, Gretta, Elmer and Clara. At certain seasons of the year Mr. Davis gives employment to from 12 to 15 men in the various departments of his business.

George Eiselstein, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Carpets and House Furnishing Goods.

AS one of the city's most successful business men we must mention Mr. Eiselstein. He is a native of Germany—a country which is the nativity of many of the most successful business men of the United States. He came to America at the age of seven, in the year 1840. October 18, 1845, he commenced his business career as a clerk in the store of Ralston & Stivers. This business relation continued until August, 1850, when he engaged as salesman with Washington Stivers. This continued until the fall of '58, when he engaged with Mr. H. H. Swallow, remaining with him until the spring of '61, when the firm changed to Eiselstein & Swallow. This business relation continued five years, when Mr. Eiselstein sold his interest in the business to Mr. Swallow. In the fall of '67 he engaged in business again, locating in the brick store room built by himself on the corner of Butternut and Front streets. In the fall of '68 he sold out this business to Mose Frank. He again re-entered the arena of business with Mr. Eiberfield under the firm name of Eiselstein & Co. In the spring of '70 he sold out and opened up anew on the corner of Front and Court streets. During the years 1871-72 he built the Pomeroy Opera House, he still continuing in business. June, 1880, he sold his grocery department to Mr. C. Ihle, he still retaining his dry goods and notions. August 28, 1880, Mr. Eiselstein took his son into partnership, and after five years more of successful business career Mr. Eiselstein again became the sole proprietor. During 1881 Mr. Eiselstein built his new brick store room on Second street and moved his stock of merchandise into it Jan. 2, 1882, and with him the business tide came to Second Street, and much of the business popularity of Second street is due to his advent here. All through his business career has been marked with a steady, onward and upward degree of success. The premises occupied are a fine two-story brick structure with a frontage on Second street of 25 feet and 75 feet in depth. On either side of the door are fine show windows. The first floor is utilized as the general salesroom, while the second floor is used as his carpet, curtain and house furnishing department. Of the stock carried we can give but a cursory glance through the different departments. The dry goods department comprises the newest fabrics in foreign and American products, embracing not only the medium and lower grades and varieties of ladies' dress goods; but the latest designs and styles in new and handsome stripes, plaids and checks in tricos, camel's hair, cashmeres, silks, silk mixed suitings, velvets and black goods in endless variety. The notion and fancy goods department comprises ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods and all the latest novelties,—woolen and domestic department comprises every description of domestic goods pertaining to this department of trade for home and personal use. His carpet and curtain department will form one of the attractions of stock, embracing not only the common and medium

grades of hemps, two and three ply ingrains, but the latest novelties in kensington art squares, tapestry and body brussels, etc. Draperies, window shades, lace curtains and portieres, damasks, etc. Four expert assistants are employed, system prevailing in every department and everything about the establishment is kept neat and in place, showing that Mr. Eiselstein's long business career has not been in vain—He is a man of the highest personal integrity and highly regarded throughout the community, both as a prominent business man and a respected citizen, and is largely endowed with that foresight and enterprise, proverbial of those of German origin the world over in all the walks of life.

Charles Eppelin, Druggist, above the Rolling Mill, Pomeroy, O.

IN the prosecution of this branch of industry a thorough and a practical knowledge of the business is essential to the owner's success as well as to the convenience and safety of the citizens. And an important feature in connection with the business of any city is its well conducted drug establishments, which in a comprehensive work presenting in a permanent and attractive manner the business facilities of this city, we take pleasure in noticing the well appointed and neatly arranged drug store of Mr. Charles Eppelin, on Front St., above Rolling Mill. Mr. Eppelin is a native of Constanz, Baden, Germany, where he was born in 1822, and came to America in 1854, and located in Pomeroy, where he has been in business thirty years, practicing medicine, and in the drug business. Mr. Eppelin carries a full line of pure drugs and chemicals, all popular and desirable patent medicines, imported and American perfumeries, toilet articles, fancy goods, and druggists' sundries in large variety. Special attention is given to the careful and accurate compounding of all prescriptions entrusted to him, from the purest ingredients. Dr. Eppelin has been engaged in the practice of his profession for the last thirty-six years and is one of the city's most reliable and prominent physicians.

Jacob Elberfeld's Sons, Wholesale and Retail Dry Goods and Notions, Cloaks and Carpets. Front and Court Streets.

"THERE is no place like home" is an old adage, known to every school boy in the land; he beholds the same hanging pendant from the wall in nearly every home, yet, what an idea this little sentence conveys.—Perhaps, it is better there is none other

like it. This depends upon circumstances, very important in their nature to the households and the home. How many people are living in poverty with a few old wornout household articles of ancient design, unfit for any use whatever, a few broken chairs and tables, no carpets upon the floor, perhaps, no clock or musical instruments of any kind, no attention being paid to the adornment or beautifying of the home, yet, these same parties rich. If this be the case, then it is better "There is no place like home." Again there are others, in very moderate circumstances, that are at direct variance to this former class, that look to the adornment of the home, to making it attractive and pleasant, to the culture and refinement of their respective families. Wall paper worth from $10 to $25 per roll is pasted on the walls and ceilings; costly pictures and paintings hang pendant from the walls; statues and vases hand painted

by some member of the family, find a resting place within the cozy parlor or bourdoir; large mirrors with costly frames reflect images; and beautiful upholstered furniture displayed on every hand and the finest carpets beneath the feet add beauty and attraction to the whole. While on the right is the piano, and on the left some accompaniment to same at once conveys the idea that musical culture is not wholly neglected. Such is a model home and, indeed, in this case "There is no place like home." Life is worth living, and money is worth nothing only for current use in trade, a substitute for pleasure, comfort happiness and existence. If you wish to live a happy life and enjoy the same, look to the adornment of your home. Nothing more nearly affects the social standing of a person, than the taste displayed in the adornment of the home. One of the best houses in the entire country carrying a general line of household furnishings (excepting furniture) or in Southern Ohio, is that of the Jacob Elberfeld Sons of this city. The house was established nearly thirty years ago by Mr. Jacob Elberfeld, who died in July 1887, requesting his sons to continue the business, there being seven sons. Since their father's death the sons have built a fine brick structure, completed Oct., 1888. This has a fronting on Front street of 25 feet, and 43 feet in depth, in the form of an L, with another fronting of 17 feet on Court street. The business is a prosperous one and they aim to make it such. The trade of the house is large, and daily increasing. A visit to the establishment at once shows one of the largest stocks in the entire country, consisting of staple and fancy dry goods and notions, ladies', misses', and children's dress goods in newest patterns, from both American and foreign looms, carpets in all patterns and designs, from the cheapest to the very best. A large line of cloaks and wraps, in fact everything pertaining to this line of merchandise. They also own and operate a store in Columbus, styled "The Gold Mine." The house here is under the management of Mr. J. B., who has charge of the first floor, and W. P. Elberfeld, having charge of the second floor, consisting of cloaks, carpets trunks and valises. They are both natives of the city, are wide awake business men, and are of high standing in commercial circles. They employ eight good assistants, all ladies, who make it a pleasant trading place for any and all callers, and we may safely say to our many readers, the policy which characterizes the house is just and equitable, as also highly reputable, and that there is no better or more pleasant place to deal in the entire city.

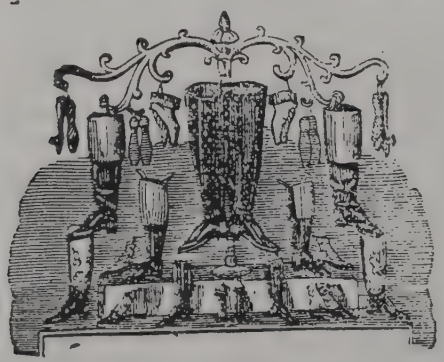
John Epple, Dealer in Groceries, Hardware, Liquors, Front St., above the Rolling Mill, Pomeroy, Ohio.

AMONG the most enfluential commercial establishments of this section of the county, we devote more than passing notice to the general mercantile establishment of Mr. John Epple, which for the past thirty years has exercised an important influence upon the trade interest of this place. Mr. Epple is a native of Germany, born 1833, came to America in 1853, and located in Pomeroy in 1854 Mr. Epple now enjoys unsurpassed advantages for meeting the requirement of all his departments of trade. He occupies a good business room, 35x75 feet in dimensions, three stories high, and four ware houses, where he gives employment to three assistants. The stock carried embraces one of the most complete lines ever brought to this city, consisting of the best grades of staple and fancy groceries, glassware, lamps, notions and general house and table supplies belonging to this branch of the trade. He also carries in connection a complete stock of hardware, embracing farmers' and mechanics' tools, table and pocket cutlery, blacksmiths, painters' and builders' supplies. And a complete

line of agricultural implements, including the McCormick Harvesting machines, Superior Drill and Gale plows, latest improved hay rakes, walking cultivators, corn planters etc. He also handles the Currie Fertilizer, field and garden seeds, also lime, cement, lath and plastering hair. And a very fine grade of liquors, old bourbon, foreign and domestic wines, gins, ale, brandies and beer, Havana filled cigars and tobaccos. The executive and financial ability which characterizes this firm can not fail to suggest to buyers the propriety of establishing business relations with this representative establishment, on Front St., above Rolling Mill.

Evans & Jones, Boots and Shoes, Cor. Linn and Front St.

ONE among the finest Boot and Shoe parlors of Southern Ohio is that of Messrs. Evans and Jones, whose place of business is on Front St., opposite Wharf and Ferry boat landings. These gentlemen have a finely fitted up room for the display of their stock. The stock carried is



one of the most complete to be found in any contemporaneous house in this part of the State, Embracing Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, for men, women, boys, misses and children. Especial attention is given to fine grades in ladies' and misses' hand-sewed and hand turned goods, also gents' fine hand sewed shoes, down to the heavy brogans. Special attention is given to neat and prompt repairing. The individual members of this firm are D. E. Evans and J. P. Jones. Mr. Evans is a native of Wales, born in 1851, and came to America in 1856, and located in Pomeroy, Ohio. He was mine boss and assistant mine inspector of Ohio previous to his present business. Mr. Jones is a native of Wales born in 1853, came to America in 1861, located in Pomeroy, and was Secretary of the German Salt and Coal Co., till going into his present business. These gentlemen just started in the Boot and Shoe business April first and they have a bran new stock of goods, which they will offer to the public at the lowest prices. They occupy a finely fitted up room, 25x60 feet in dimensions. These gentlemen are favorably and well known in the city and country, and anybody needing anything in this line will do well to call and see them.

Mrs. John Ewing, Milliner and Fashionable Dress Maker, Front Street.

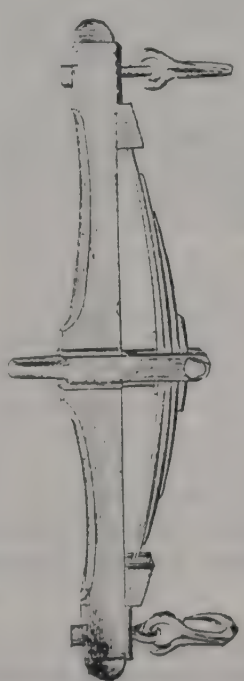
IN millinery the attractions to be found in this city are scarcely surpassed in our more metropolitan centers, and among those establishments whose stock and the general good taste displayed in the trimming department secure the patronage of many of the leading ladies of this city and surrounding country, we notice especially the emporium conducted by Mrs. John Ewing, on Front street, below Court. Here is displayed a fine line of the newest pattern hats and bonnets, ornaments and trimmings, and special pains are taken to meet the pleasure of patrons in the trimming department. This emporium was conducted by Mrs. E. Patton up to February 1, 1891, at which time Mrs. Ewing bought out Mrs. Patton's interest and established in connection with the millinery trade that of fashionable dress making. She is a native of this city and should receive the attention of ladies in this line.

E. F. Feiger & Son, Photographers, Front Street.

IN no trade or profession is there required a nicer perception of the properties, a finer artistic training, or a more accurate knowledge of the laws of perspective in light or shade than in photography, and the tendency of an occupation of this nature is to develop in the artist the most critical and analytical distinction of lights and shades. These reflections are the result of brief consideration of the good work exhibited by artists and photographers, displayed by E. F. Feiger & Son, whose art emporium is located on Front street. Here is clearly manifested to the connoisseur a natural gift, conjoined with a scientific knowledge of chemical adaptation in the production of light and shade, especially in their success in securing correct lines, and the skill and taste necessary to produce the strongest and most subtle life-like effects. With these qualtities in their favor, together with all the modern appliances and latest processes, they have been enabled to establish one of the most popular art studios in this section of Ohio. The gallery is nicely furnished throughout and embraces the reception, operating, printing and finishing rooms. All kinds of work is executed, from the smallest photo to the largest life size. They make a specialty of crayon, water color, oil and India ink and are prepared to do all kinds of enlarging. They carry a full line of frames of all kinds and will frame pictures to order. Mr. E. F. Feiger, the senior member of the firm, is a native of Pennsylvania. He came to Ohio in 1857 and has been in the business for thirty-two years, and during this time has kept pace with all the improvements in the art. They are in position to do as fine artistic work in their line as is done in any of our metropolitan cities. They are members of The Photographers' Association of America.

Peter Fisher, Manufacturer of Wagons.

MR. PETER FISHER, the subject of this sketch, was born in this county in 1850. He located at Pomeroy in 1878, where he has been engaged in manufacturing all kinds of farm, spring and platform wagons. This house is one which is a credit to the proprietors as well as to the city. The uniform excellence of the work turned out has secured more than local reputation and has resulted in numerous sales, both at home and in remote sections. They use nothing but the best material that can be found, and the workmanship cannot be surpassed anywhere in the state. The firm guarantees to their customers that their work will give satisfaction in every particular. He is also agent for the Sayers & Scoville Buggy, and is prepared to do all kinds of repairing promptly and neatly and makes a specialty of carriage painting. Mr. Fisher is the patentee of a patent spring for single and double-trees, which by an ingenius arrangement has a forward motion sufficient to prevent sudden jars when the horse starts, and its value as a preventative of broken harness and sore shoulders is worth many times the cost. It is just the thing for plowing, mowing, reaping and wagoning of all kinds. Mr. Fisher has testimonials from many of the leading teamsters of this city who recommend it very highly, after having tested it



information concerning this useful invention can obtain it by addressing the inventor, Peter Fisher, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Jacob Fisher, Sample Room, Pomeroy, Ohio. 4th Ward.

MR. FISHER, the subject of this sketch, is a native of this city, born here forty-four years ago. He lived here in Pomeroy until 1864, when he was among those who offered their lives for the preservation of our national government, enlisting in Co. K, 187th regiment O. V. I. Serving out the time of enlistment he returned to Pomeroy, and eight years ago opened up the business he now operates. He occupies a well appointed room, which he has fitted up with every kind of fixtures pertaining to a first-class place. He carries a choice line of rye and bourbon whiskies, brandies, beer, soft drinks, cigars and tobaccos. Mr. Fisher is well known throughout this section of the country as an affable gentleman by those, who always drops in to see Jake when they want a good drink. He has a family consisting of a noble wife and six loving children. They live happily together, and when you meet Jake you will say he is the happiest and most contented man you ever met. Call and see him and he will be sure to entertain you.

Fisher & Burton, Sample Room, First Business House Below Rolling Mill, Front Street.

AMONG the leading sample rooms is that of Messrs. Fisher & Burton, who opened up here last April. It is conducted upon those honorable business principles which secure the respect and patronage of many of our leading citizens of the city and country. The individual members of this firm are J. E. Fisher, and Samuel Burton. Mr. Fisher was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1857, and was brought up in Pomeroy. Mr. Burton was born in England in 1859, and came to America with his parents at the age of two years, locating in Pomeroy. These gentlemen, who have had experience as mixers of fancy drinks, bring into requisition that experience, ability, and enterprise which commend this house to puplic consideration. They occupy the first business house below the Rolling Mill, and it is nicely fitted up with a fine refrigerator and bar, and is stocked with the best of old bourbon whiskies, brandies, gins ale, and beer, and a choice line of Havana filled cigars and tobaccos, and all popular soft drinks. They have in connection a fine pool table for the amusement of the lovers of the cue. These gentlemen are well and favorably known, and their name in this community is a sufficient guarantee of cordial and pleasant greeting. Give them a call when in the city.

J. A. Franz, Proprietor of "Eagle Store," and Dealer in Groceries, Wines, Liquors, Cigars, Tobaccos, Etc. Pomeroy, Ohio.

NO department of trade is entitled to more personal consideration to the reviewer than that of home and table supplies, which in its vital relations to home necessities, happiness and comfort, contributes in a marked degree, perhaps, more than all others combined. The vitality of this department of trade finds here a truly representative house in the establishment of Mr. J. A. Franz, on Front Street. He is a native of Sidney, Ohio, where he was born in the month of March, 1842. He has been a resident of this county twenty-four years. For two years previous to establishing his present business, he was engaged in the restaurant and brewery business. About twenty years ago he established his present line, and during the years past the house has been characterized with marked success, each successive year adding new features there-

to. His is one of the finest business blocks in the entire city, being large and commodious and well stocked—perhaps as fine a stock as is exhibited by any contemporaneous establishment in the country, requiring four assistants in the business. The stock embraces all those articles for the home and table, consisting of fancy and staple groceries and provisions, country produce,

canned and bottled goods in great variety, fine garden grown and hand-picked teas, spices, essences, flavorings, confectionery, foreign and domestic fruits, cigars, tobaccos and all articles pertaining to this department of trade. In addition to this department, he has a first-class liquor room, where all the best grades of foreign and domestic wines and liquors may at all times be obtained. He also runs a free delivery wagon to all parts of the city, and all goods are delivered promptly. The house enjoys a wide reputation throughout the city and country, and the straightforward business methods and honorable dealings which have characterized its operations for the past twenty years, are a sufficient guarantee of popular favor and a successful and daily increasing trade. Mr. Franz owns the "Eagle Block," one of the finest blocks in the city, and it is in this block his store is located.

W. J. Geiger, Manufacturer and Dealer in Harness and Saddles.

AMONG those producing and business enterprises which reflect credit upon our city and influence trade from remote distances, is the harness and saddlery establishment of Mr. W. J. Geiger, located on East Front St. Mr. Geiger is a native of Fairfield county, came to this county in 1856, located in Middleport, and was engaged in business there until 1872, when he came to this city. He occupies a fine business room 20x30 feet in dimensions, and carries a stock of harness, saddles, turf goods, and equipments that would do credit to our metropolitan cities. He makes a leading specialty of hand made harness of his own manufacture and keeps a full line of all kinds of harness of all grades

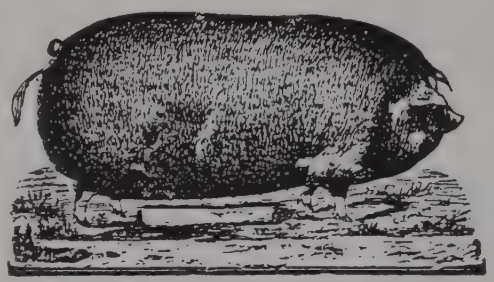
and prices. He makes a specialty of prompt and neat repairing. His uniform low prices and honorable business methods which have always characterized his transactions have built up a good trade. He is one of Pomeroy's reliable business men.

Genheimer & Reid, General Hardware.

THE general hardware trade is one of the most important branches of commercial enterprise associated with our leading centers of trade. In this connection we are justified in the full and extensive notice accorded to Messrs. Genheimer and Reid, whose complete facilities for meeting the requirements of this department are unsurpassed in this section of the State. The individual members of this firm are J. P. Genheimer, A. A. Reid and Geo. B. Nye. Mr. Nye is deputy treasurer of Meigs co., and all are thoroughly practical and reliable business men of many years experience. In January last this firm started in business for themselves in Eagle block, on Front St. They carry in stock a complete line of general hardware, embracing farmers' and mechanics' tools, table and pocket cutlery, blacksmiths', painters' and builders' supplies. The newest improved heating and cooking stoves, New Sensation cook stoves, the best in this valley, also the reliable Process gasoline stoves. They are the exclusive agents for the Tricycle Whitely mower and open end binder, the best machines on earth; also repairs for the Champion and Whitely Mowers and binders, and all stove repairs. Also the new Malta Chilled hillside plows; also the Bissell and Economist plow, the solid comfort sulky plow (it has no equal) best disc harrows, Hoosier grain and fertilizer drills, and the best Fertilizer on the market, garden and field seeds. The executive and financial ability which characterizes this firm can not fail to suggest to buyers the propriety of establishing business relations with this representative establishment.

Frank Glœckner, Meat Market, Front Street.

WE are accustomed to associate certain ideas with certain persons or certain lines of business. Hence in reviewing the business interest of this city our attention was attracted to the general meat market of Mr. Frank Glœckner, on Front street,



where is at all times displayed a large line of fresh meats, bologna, sausages, and a various line of salt meats. This presents to the imagination the modes of obtaining meats one hundred years ago, when our fore-fathers would shoulder the old flint lock and with the powder horn at his side would traverse the pathless wilds in search of meat for the little ones at home, perhaps to be absent for several days at a time, only to return, more often without, than with game. At this day and age of the world with its vast changes and improvements, the hunter has only to walk one or two blocks, with no gun nor powder horn, and return to his home in ten minutes, laden with meats pure and wholesome. Such characterizes the present day from that of a century ago. Among the finest meat markets in the city is that of the above named house. It is conducted by Mr. Frank Gloeckner, a native of this city, born on the 23rd day of May, 1853. His father conducted a meat market before him and hence Frank was reared up in the business, thus giving him an extensive knowledge of the same. The business came into his hands sixteen years ago, and it is here we find him to-day, in the finest establishment of its special kind

in the city, being 15x60 feet in dimensions, with one of the finest refrigerators for the preservations of meats pure and sweet during the summer months, and utilizing three wagons on the road, and slaughters on an average of five beeves per week, and other live stock in proportion.

August Goessler, the leading Jeweler, East Side of Court Street, Sign Big Watch, Pomeroy, Ohio.

AMONG the most attractive commercial houses of this trade centre we notice especially the jewelry house of August Goessler, located on east

side of Court street, second door from Pomeroy National Bank. This house dates its inception back to 1882. When it is stated as a fact susceptible of demonstration that the value of articles embraced in the comprehensive classification of jewelry (including gold and silver plate) exceeds by more than fifty per cent that of all coin in use by the various nations of the earth, it will be seen that the manufacture and sale of these useful and ornamental articles become in a financial view, one of the most important of our industrial and commercial avocations. The influence of the jewelry trade is an important feature in the commercial interests of the city. Mr. Goessler, one of the successful Merchants of Pomeroy, pays close attention to business and is said to be a shrewd buyer and masters his professions; his judgment on the quality of a watch, a piece of jewelry, or a diamond is invariably correct. Spectacles and eye glasses have become a necessity for a great many people in our age, especially of the rising generation, who spend a good portion of their time in the school room, paying much attention to reading and studying, which is injurious to the vision and in many cases causes weakness of the eye, which can only be corrected by the use of spectacles. Mr. Goessler has made the optical business a special study for many years and is prepared to test the eyes in a scientific way, and correct any defective eye sight by the use of spectacles of superior quality, of which he carries a large stock. So reader, if your eyes trouble you at any time go to Mr. August Goessler and and have him fit you with a pair of spectacles and be happy. The stock carried embraces the most reliable time keepers in gold and silver watches and clocks, newest designs in useful and ornamental jewelry, rings with diamonds and precious stones. The celebrated Rogers silver plate table ware, knives, forks, spoons, etc, John Holland gold pens and fountain pens, and above all the celebrated Columbus watch, known as the most reliable time keeper in America. Special attention is given to fine watch, clock and jewelry repairing and engraving. All work warranted, and every article sold by him is fully warranted as represented.

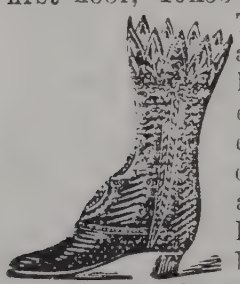
Peter Gress, Star Bakery, Grocery and Restaurant.

ONE of the popular bakeries and groceries of this city is this business, which had its inception August, 1890, and has already built up a nice trade. Mr. Gress is a native of the county; his line embraces a choice line of groceries, provisions, confectionery, and country produce. He has a nice room on Second Street, opposite

the Post Office; it is finely fitted up with show cases and other appliances for the display of his goods. The show cases are filled with a choice line of confectionery, pies, cakes, etc. He has in connection a restaurant, where warm meals are served on short notice. He also runs a first class lunch counter and will serve a lunch on short notice. Warm coffee, oysters in season. Call on him when in the city.

M. Hammerstein, Boots and Shoes, Front St.

AMONG the most popular shoe enterprises in the city of Pomeroy is that of Mr. M. Hammerstein, who is a native of this county, born in 1862. The premises occupied comprise the first floor, 10x55 feet in dimensions.



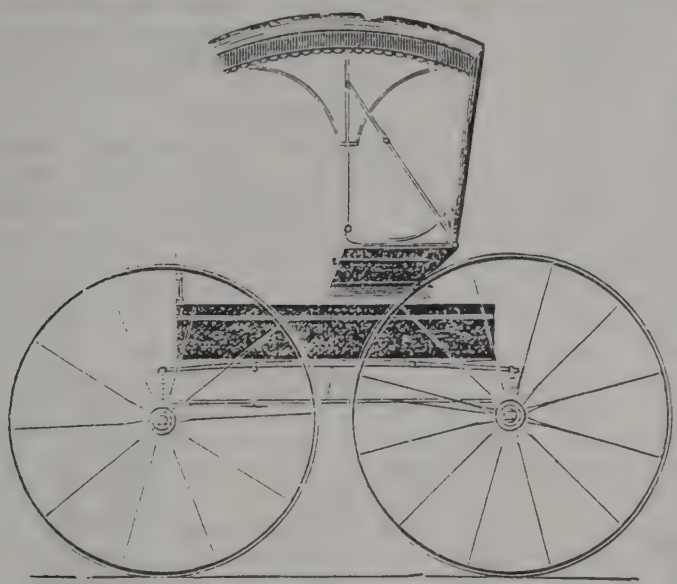
The store is roomy and commodious, is handsomely furnished and fitted up in elegant style for the display of his stock and convenience of his patrons Here is to be found a complete assortment of every thing in the foot wear line, from the daintiest ladies' kid boot and neatest fitting gentlemen's calf shoe to the most durable brogan and school shoes. Custom work is also done to order in the highest style of the art on short notice. Hand sewed shoes for tender feet being a specialty. Every pair sold in this establishment is warranted as represented, and all work to order is guaranteed to render satisfaction as to fit, finish and material. The stock, which is large and varied includes ladies', misses' gentlemen's, youths' and children's boots and shoes in all sizes and widths, styles, shapes, and designs, both in fine and medium grades. Also a full line of slippers and rubbers, prices always fair and reasonable, and by his fair dealing he has secured a good trade. Mr. Hammerstein has been in the boot and shoe business all his life, clerking for Geo. Rubenstahl for ten years and has been carrying on business for himself for four years.

C. J. Hess, Grocery and Sample Room, Salt Street, Pomeroy, O.

MR. HESS is a native of Germany and came to America with his parents when but two weeks of age. His parents settled in Pomeroy in August 1853, and he has been a resident of Pomeroy ever since. He followed coal mining from the age of fourteen until 1887, when he was appointed treasurer of the Dabney Mining Company and filled that responsible position until 1889, when the company made assignment and Mr. Hess was appointed assignee. After settling up the business of that company, he went into the grocery business, which he still conducts. He occupies a neatly fitted up room, where he carries a comprehensive assortment of choice family groceries, embracing the best garden grown teas, green and roasted coffees, sugars, spices, syrups, canned and bottled goods, fresh, salt and smoked meats and fish, farm and dairy products, fine cigars and tobacco. Having been a long resident of this city he has served the citizens of Pomeroy in several responsible offices, and bears a reputation of honorable dealing excelled by none of his competitors. He runs a sample room in the rear of his grocery, where he keeps the choicest brands of imported and domestic wines, liquors and all popular soft drinks found in a first class sample room. He always has a good quality of good cool beer on tap for the thirsty. He is assisted in his extensive business by his wife, who possesses fine business qualities, and also his son Frank. His place is orderly, kept free from loafers and hangers on. Call and see if our picture is overdrawn.

John Kaspar, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Buggies, Carriages, Expresses and Farm Wagons. Opposite Monument Square.

NO person associated with the business interests of this city and county, deserves more credit for what he has accomplished in his business career, chiefly by his own unaided efforts, than the subject of this sketch. Mr Kasper is a native of the city, born in 1860. He embarked in this business four years ago in a very small way. His business building has a frontage on Mulberry street of 35 feet, extending back to Mechanics, being three stories in height.



He manufacturers wagons and buggies, and makes a specialty of fine repair work and painting carriages, buggies and wagons. His great specialty is the manufacture of spokes and single-trees. This plant is fitted up with a six horse-power engine, and Blanchard Lathe and all the latest improved appliances for the production of these specialties. His entire plant is fitted up in first-class style in all departments and he can guarantee first-class workmanship, equal to any contemporaneous establishment in Southern Ohio. His repository exhibits finished work constantly on hand and he invites consultation and inspection by all who desire to purchase the most durable wagons or buggies. He also gives prompt attention to repairing and painting of all kinds. Mr. Kasper employs constantly ten hands, all skilled artisans in this line. Mr. Kasper is still a young man, imbued with the true spirit of energy, noted for his true business methods, and his popularity is based on the solid foundation of honest workmanship, the best material and intimate knowledge of the wants of the public. Wagon makers and dealers in supplies would do well to consult Mr. Kasper, and get his quotations. He has developed a trade of increasing magnitude, and with influential connections that render his establishment one of Pomeroy's valuable commercial factors and a popular centre of supply for all needed in his line.

J. H. HYSELL, M. D.,

GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

IN PRACTICE THIRTY YEARS.

SURGEON IN THE ARMY FOUR YEARS.

IN POMEROY SIXTEEN YEARS.

Cor. Second and Court Sts., Pomeroy, O.

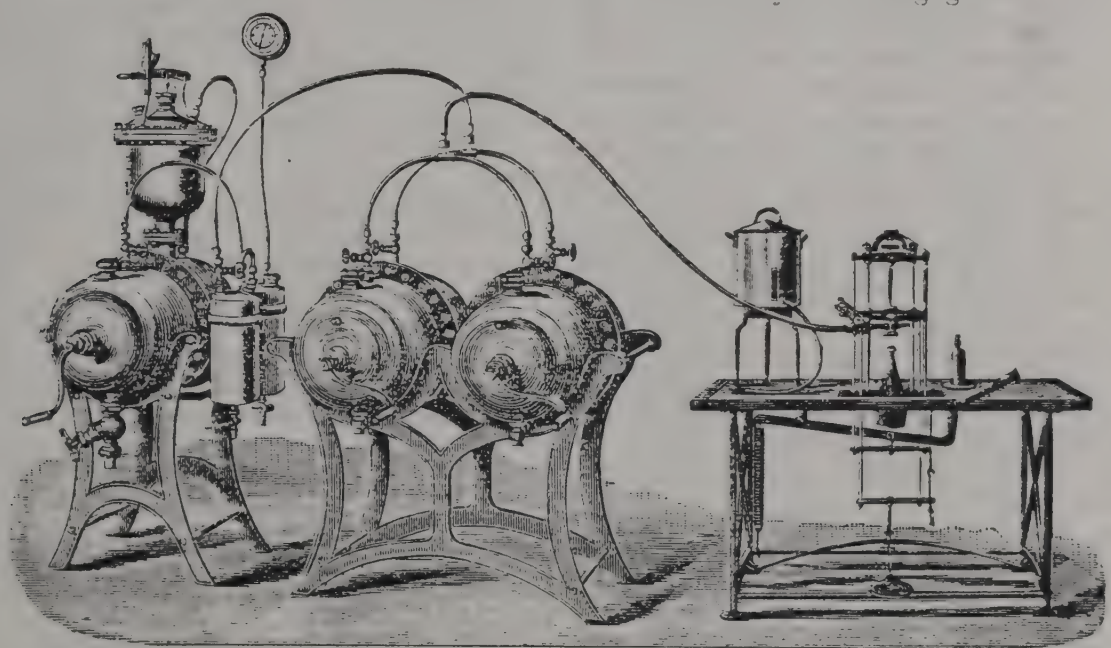
C. Ihle, General Insurance Agent, Life, Fire and Accident. Pomeroy, Ohio.

THIS agency had its inception here six years ago, when it was started by Mr. A. M. Bell. Two years ago Mr. Ihle was taken into the house and business was done under the firm name of Bell & Ihle, up to Mr. Bell's death, when the entire business was taken in charge by Mr. Ihle. From the very start of this agency it has conducted a large insurance business in Pomeroy; the office is one of the most popular agencies in the city. By the careful manner in which the business is conducted in all departments, Mr. C. Ihle is well known to the whole mercantile community in the city and surrounding towns, and is prompt and reliable in all affairs, insurance being effected to any amount in life policies and on all classes of merchandise and buildings. His office is finely fitted up and furnished, and is a very attractive business place. Among the companies represented by this house are the following: Life—Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey; Travelers Life and Accident Insurance Company, of Hartford, Con. Fire—Girard, of Pa.; Liberty, of New York; Merchants, of Newark, N. J.; Newark, of N. J.; Enterprise of Ohio; Agricultural, of Watertown, N. Y.; Syndicate Insurance Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Plate Glass Aurora of Cin.; Lloyd's, of N. Y., all of which are first-class and responsible institutions, whose policies are incontestable, and whose rates are always the lowest possible margin above actual cost of insurance. He will guarantee the payment of all established losses. Mr Ihle is a native of this city, was born in 1846, and is one of the city's representative citizens, and has officially been recognized as such by being appointed Post Master of the City of Pomeroy in 1880, which official position he held until 1889. Under Mr. Ihle's administration of the office the business was admirably conducted, the patrons courteously treated, and all interests both of the people and the department received his prompt attention. He is a genial, courteous gentleman, who takes an active interest in every movement having for its object the welfare and prosperity of his fellow citizens.

Geo. W. Keiser, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Ready-made Clothing and Gents' Furnisher, Front Street.

ONE of the most popular and largely patronized gentlemen's furnishing and clothing stores in Southern Ohio is that of which Mr. Geo. W. Keiser is the proprietor. The business which this gentleman is pushing so successfully had its inception eight years ago in a very small way, and by the exercise of energy and integrity, in conjunction with the one price system, in which he firmly believes and to which he adheres, has built up a flourishing trade. This house occupies a fine business room on Front St., 22x70 feet in dimensions, which has been fitted up in the most convenient manner with special reference to the demands of this extensive and rapidly increasing trade. In this room is carried a complete stock of the finest grades of ready made clothing manufactured in the United States embracing the newest, latest, and most fashionable for the wear of gentlemen, youth, boys, and children, also a full line of men's youths' boys' and children's hats, and furnishing goods, embracing the newest, freshest novelties in these lines, and the prices that prevail cannot be duplicated in this part of the State. This house is conducted on the most systematic business principles. All goods are sold for cash and the lowest prices prevail in all departments. "The road to low prices ends here;" "The best goods for the least money," are his mottoes. Mr. Geo. W. Keiser is a native of Meigs county, Ohio, born March 15th, 1862. His parents were natives of Germany, a

country famous for its many prominent business men. Mr. Keiser carries a large and well selected stock in duplicate goods, and is prepared to quote prices to country dealers on wholesale lots as low as any Eastern houses. Mr. Keiser is one of our self-made men and during his business and social career has thoroughly identified himself with the best interests and welfare of our citizens. He brings into requisition ample experience, practical knowledge and ability, and the large and flourishing patronage he commands is the natural result of fair, honorable dealing, combined with the highest qualities for the lowest prices.



Extensive Bottling Works of Henry Koehler, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Sarsaparilla, Mineral and Seltzer Waters, Belfast Ginger Ale, "Imperial Inca Coca," Orange Champagne and "Haut Gout," Butternut St.

IN reviewing the many business interests of the city of Pomeroy the writer called at the Bottling Works of Mr. Henry Koehler, on Butternut St. The proprietor a middle aged man, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., born in the year 1840, and his son Mr. W. H. Koehler, a native of this city, were found among the fountains and generators, both gentlemen whom it is a pleasure to meet. The premises are large and spacious being a two story brick structure 25x45 feet, with basement. Mr. Henry Koehler came to Pomeroy in the year 1846 and engaged in coal mining six years later at the age of twelve years, working for 20 cents per day. On the 8th day of September 1861, he volunteered in the 1st W. Va., Cavalry and was mustered out on the 27th day of December 1864. During his services in the war, he was in forty active engagments in which the army of the Potomac was engaged. Among them were the famous battles of Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Brandy Station and Winchester. After returning from the war, his energies led him to undertake his present line and he opened the business in the year 1866. This was on the opposite side of the street from the present establishment. In 1888 he built and moved into the present large brick structure. Here is one of the best industries in Pomeroy and its

record in the past quarter century has been one of prosperity and progression. The utmost cleanliness is observed at all times, in winter the bottles being washed in hot water so that no frozen particles can be left to impair the purity of the fresh liquors. There can be no more delightful or wholesome beverage than some of the drinks manufactured here. All kinds of pop and birch beer, ginger ale, mineral seltzer waters, California wine cream, which is made from pure grape juice and contains no alcohol, being a delightful beverage. The ginger ale here manufactured is of the finest quality, as is all their products. One especial feature of the institution is that he uses the "old fashioned cork," as a reason for the same that the patent stopper sets high up in the neck of the bottle thus exposing a part of such to the catching of impurities and germs of disease so common in the air. This collects in the mouth of the bottle and the bar tender knocks in the stopper, pours out the brevera-ge, taking with it the first filth and germs of disease or whatever else may have collected in the mouth of the bottle. In the case of the cork used by this house the mouth of the bottle is entirely closed and excludes any such particles. A very important matter to consider. Again everything is equally as clean about the establishment, the utmost care being taken to make it so. A new seasoning put up by this house called "HAUT GOUT," a French term meaning "highly seasoned," is one of the finest seasonings for soups, meats, poultry, fish, etc., manufactured; contains no injurious properties, as most seasonings, and is rapidly gaining popularity in the kitchen and home. Mr. Koehler is among the best, most active and energetic of Pomeroy's business men and takes an active interest in doing that which he thinks is right and will promote public welfare. To all lovers of these beverages we can safely say you can drink them with the full satisfaction of knowing they are pure, wholesome, and clean.

W. H. Lasley, Attorney and Counselor at Law, City Bank Building.

AS one of the most successful attorneys of Pomeroy we make mention of Mr. Lasley, who has not only conducted a fine practice in his chosen profession but has also filled many offices of trust and honor. Mr. Lasley is a native of the county, born in 1832, and has resided in the city since 1858. In 1855 he began reading law with Mr. Joseph Bradbury, of Gallipolis, as his preceptor, and later went to Cleveland, Ohio, and entered the law school, from which he graduated in the class of 1858. Returning to his native place he was admitted to the bar the same year and engaged in the practice ot his chosen profession, which he has since followed. He was elected and held the office of mayor of the city one term and filled the office of probate judge nine years in succession. He also held the office of city councilman two terms. During his official career all his duties as mayor, judge and councilman were discharged in the most efficient manner. As one of the prominent legal lights of Meigs County Judge Lasley has always taken intelligent and active interest in public affairs and is still engaged in full practice both in state and federal courts, and the many prominent positions he has held tell of his ability.

L. H. Lee, Attorney, Fire Insurance and Mayor.

MR. LEE, the subject of our sketch is a native of New York. He was born December 1827, and came to Ohio when quite young and located in licking county. In 1852 he engaged in the dry goods trade in the village of Kirkersville, Licking county, Ohio. From there he removed to Newark, O, and held the office of deputy sheriff of Licking county for four years. He then in 1860 came to this city and read law, and was admitted to the bar

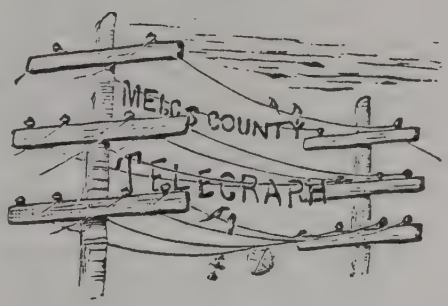
in 1864 and has carried on a successful practice here since. He is also agent for the Ætna Fire Insurance Company, assets $10,071,509.65; Cincinnati Underwriters, assets $2,100,000.00; Orient Insurance Company, cash assets $1.-805,663.48. Mr. Lee is an experienced underwriter and is prepared to take risks at the lowest rates, and will guarantee payment of all established losses. He has always taken an active part in politics, has always been fair towards his opponents and maintained their esteem and respect; he has been recognized as one deserving official trust and public confidence, and has held the office of Mayor. He was a candidate for Mayor of this city in the spring of 1891, but the saloon element being arrayed against him he was defeated. He is a man of the highest personal integrity and highly regarded throughout the community both as a prominent professional man and a respected citizen.

B. McLaughlin, Sample Room.

Front Street.

BEER is rapidly becoming, if not already, the natural beverage of the American people. When pure and manufactured only of the best material and by the most improved process, beer is acknowledged to possess medicinal properties and is recommended by the best physicians as a remedy for cases of debility and many forms of diseases. His stock comprises foreign and domestic wines, gins, brandies, liquors and all popular soft drinks, and a fine line of Havana filled cigars, etc. Mr. McLaughlin is a native of Wert county, W. Va., where he was born in 1855, and located here about one year ago. He has one of the finest fitted up bar rooms in the city, exhibiting one of the finest French plate mirrors and cooling refrigerators in Pomeroy, and keeps one assistant. A good business is done and good order is maintained.

E. S. Trussell, Publisher of the Meigs County Telegraph.



ELMER S. TRUSSELL, editor and proprietor of the Meigs County Telegraph, was born at Bashan, Meigs County O., on the 26th of March, 1852. His father, Jasper S. Trussell, was the second son of Major Amos Trussell, of Boscawan, New Hampshire, who settled in the southeastern corner of Chester township in 1842. His mother whose maiden name was Sarah A. Stout, daughter of Abner Stout of Chester, was the grand daughter of Benjamin Stout, who came from Washington County, Pa. several years before the organization of Meigs County, and after its organization was elected its first sheriff. The subject of this sketch is therefore, by birth and lineage, thoroughly identified with the growth and progress of the county, and since his connection with the Telegraph, the oldest and leading newspaper of the county, has exhibited a lively interest in all matters connected with its material improvement and the prosperity of its people. When Elmer S. was two years old his parents removed to Jackson County, Ohio, where his father operated a saw mill and engaged in merchandising for several years, during which time the boy was sent to the common school, his first teacher being James Tripp, who afterward became a well known Common Pleas Judge. At the age of eleven years he applied for the place of "devil" in the office of the Jackson Standard, then conducted by Davis Mack-

ley, a noted Republican leader of that county. His application was accepted and for several months he performed the service usually required of a boy in such a place, (sweeping out the office, setting type, inking the old hand press with the roller, delivering the paper to its subscribers in the town, etc.) In 1863, the father having entered the employment of the government and being away from home, the family removed from Jackson to Chester, Meigs Co., and Elmer again entered school, attending the Chester Academy, which, for several years after the war was conducted by Prof. J. M. Lawhead, afterward State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Kansas. At the age of sixteen he secured a teacher's certificate and taught several country schools, until 1871, when after attending a term at the Lebanon Normal school, he taught for one year in the Northern Ohio Normal school at Milan, O. He then abandoned school teaching to engage in newspaper work, for which he had a marked predilection. His first employment in this line was as a reporter for the Ironton Journal. The paper having changed ownership he was employed by the owners of the Mason County, W. Va., Journal at Point Pleasant, the Republican organ, to conduct that paper, which they had transferred to Clifton. He remained in charge of this paper for about a year when Hon. O. B. Chapman, the well known editor of the Telegraph, having been elected to the legislature, applied to him to take charge of the Telegraph during his absence at Columbus. He thereupon severed his relations with the Mason Co. Journal, and on January 1st, 1874, entered the office of the Telegraph, where he has remained ever since. The paper was then owned by a corporation known as the Telegraph Printing and Publishing Company. In 1879 Mr. Trussell was elected an associate editor with Mr. Chapman, and on September 25, 1882, having purchased the interest of the other owners, he took entire charge of the paper and business, Mr. Chapman removing to Chillicothe. Under Mr. Trussell's management the paper has increased in circulation and assumed and maintained a leading position among the county papers of the State, and in its enterprise and style has long been regarded as a model. Its subscribers are at every post office, and in every school district in the county, and wherever Meigs county people have cast their fortunes in other States and territories, the Telegraph is regarded as a welcome visitor and an old familiar friend. As editor of the Telegraph, Mr. Trussell has steadily advocated public improvement, and in 1879, having obtained a contract with the city of Pomeroy to light its streets with electric arc lights for a period of five years, he organized the Pomeroy and Middleport Electric Co, with a capital of $30,000, which erected a fine electric lighting plant with wire circuits in both Pomeroy and Middleport, for public and private lighting, with both arc and incandescent lights. Mr. Trussell was made treasurer and general manager of the Company, and is giving its patrons as fine a service in electric light as can be found anywhere in the United States. Mr. Trussell was married December 15, 1880, to Miss Constantia L. Hendry, of Frederick County, Maryland. Miss Hendry was the second daughter of Nathanial B. Hendry, the oldest son of Charles Hendry, who was an extensive planter, and, before emancipation, the largest slave holder in Frederick County, Md. Miss Hendry's mother was the only daughter of Col. Z. T. Windsor, a well known and for many years prominent citizen of Maryland. Miss Hendry was educated at the Wesleyan Female College at Staunton, Va., where her father was for many years a leading merchant and manufacturer. To this marriage have been born three children, two boys and one girl, as follows: Elmer Hendry M., born November 11, 1881; Dacie Stout, born June 9, 1883; Marshall Windsor, born January 26, 1886.

O. H. Myers, Insurance Agent, Pomeroy, Ohio, Office on East side Court St.

THERE are still living many persons who remember the first inroads of insurance, and how strenuously the principles were combated by many prominent business men. It required some years to demonstrate by experience the folly of such opposition, until to-day no prudent business man will neglect to avail himself of the advantages of some reliable company. Prominently identified with this branch of business pursuits is Mr. O. H. Myers. He controls the Conneticut Mutual Life and the Ætna Accident Insurance Co., both good and reliable companies in their respective lines. Mr. Myers is a native of this city. He was born in 1864. He attained his rudimentary education at the public schools. He has been engaged traveling for a Bed Spring Company during the last few years. January 1, 1891, he embarked in the Insurance business. He represents the Conneticut Mutual Life and is prepared to issue policies on the most liberal plans. The Connecticut Mutual's economical management produces results unmatched in the history of life insurance. In forty-four years of business it has returned to its members in death claims and endowments, $73,029,871.23; dividends, $47,395,350.71; surrendered policies, $19,576,577.52; assets held for members, $57,874,971.71 total paid and held for members, $197,876,770.17; premiums received, $159,842,373.44. A gain over amount received of $38,034,396.73. It stands without a rival in the results to policy-holders. "Profit and not volume is its measure of the value of business." In accident he has the "Ætna," always known for its prompt and fair business methods. When it is an established fact that one person in twelve meets with an accident every year, and hardly a day passes without some accident in our midst, why not avail yourself of a policy in this line? Call on Mr. Myers and he will issue a policy at the lowest possble rates. The Ætna Accident Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. assets over $36,000,000.00, surplus over $6,000,000.00, provides indemnity against accidents which cause death, loss of limbs or eyes, or disabling injuries. The Ætna gives the best and at favorable rates.

Theo. Niggemeyer, Cigar, Tip and Stogie Manufacturer, Pomeroy, Ohio.

WITH the increasing population there is a constantly increasing demand and consumption of cigars, and among those manufacturers who have gained an enviable reputation for the uniform excellence of his products is Mr. Niggemeyer, who was born in Germany in 1849 and came to America and was located in Wheeling eight years, then came to this city, where he has been engaged in the manufacture of cigars for twenty-three years. The annual out-put of this house will reach one hundred and fifty thousand choice cigars. Employment is given to one assistant. The principal line of cigars for which this house is noted are stogies and tips. The cigars find a ready demand with the trade and consumers where ever they have been introduced.

Payne's Restaurant, E. A. Payne, Propr. Front St.

ONE of the necessary as well as attractive features of our commercial interests are the well conducted cafes and restaurants scattered over the civilized world in our cities and trade centers. New York has "Delmonico's"; Philadelphia, Dooness'; Cleveland, Richards'; Detroit, Swan's —celebrated resorts of this nature. Yet what the above names may be to their respective cities, Pomeroy can also boast of a cafe and dining hall proportionately as extensive and well

ducted as these cities. This is Payne's Restaurant and Dining Hall, on Front St. The premises were fitted up by Mr. Payne in December last, especially for a dining hall and restaurant, and it is in all its callings a model of convenience. Here can be obtained anything from a lunch to the finest meal at any hour, and is the prime resort of the best citizens of Pomeroy. If you want a good meal, oysters, ice cream, cigars, tobaccos, fruits or fine confectionery, here is the place to get the same. Mr. Payne is a native of Logan, O., and has been in the restaurant business all his life, and is well versed in all its departments.

Pfarr & Genheimer, Contractors and Builders, Proprietors of Sweepstakes Planing Mill, Lumber Yard on Laurel St., Mill on Mechanic Street.

THERE are few business and productive enterprises associated with this county which exercise a greater influence in the promotion of general prosperity and progressive interests of this section than that of Pfarr & Genheimer, whose mill and lumber yard are located on Mechanic and Laurel streets. The activity and vitality which characterize their operations, call for more than passing notice in this business review. The individual members of this firm are George Pfarr and John Genheimer. Mr. George Pfarr is a native of Germany, born in 1839, and came to America in 1849. Mr. Genheimer is a native of Meigs county, born in 1847. At the age of fifteen he began working at the carpenter trade and has followed it ever since; he is naturally a mechanic, and a No. 1 workman. This enterprise was organized in 1880. Their plant embraces a frame structure on Mechanic street, 40x75 feet in dimensions and two stories in height above basement. Also their extensive lumber yard on Laurel street. Their mill is equipped with all the latest devised machinery and appliances for the rapid and efficient execution of every description of planing mill work, doors, window frames, sash, mouldings, brackets, etc. They give special attention to dressing and matching flooring. They are fully prepared to supply carpenters, contractors and builders with all kinds of lumber, and will contract at reasonable rates for supplying the entire wood work for private or public buildings. They are prepared to take contracts for any kind of buildings, from a barn up to the finest and most costly private residence or public building. This firm has done more toward beautifying the city than any other. They have been contractors here for the past eleven years, and have built some of the finest structures in the city, among which we note the Children's Home, Electric Light Plant City Engine House, and many prominent residences and business blocks. They are at present engaged in the erection of the Presbyterian Church. The firm is one that Pomeroy may feel proud of, as they are enterprising hustlers of the first-class, alive to anything having improvement of the city at stake. Those contemplating the erection of a new building of any kind would do well to correspond with them.

Pomeroy National Bank, Front St.

THIS bank was chartered in 1872, under the National Banking laws, with a capital stock of $100,000.00. It is among the most solid and reliable financial institutions of the State. As at present organized, the officers are: R. E. Hamblin, Pres.; D. H. Moore, Vice Pres.; John McQuigg, Cashier; E. M. Nye, Ass't. Cash. The inspiration and salvation of every progressive mercantile and manufacturing community is dependent upon ample banking facilities—upon banks that are sound, rich and reputable, conservatively managed, yet liberal in their treatment of those who, investing their capital, brains and labor in local enterprises of a legitimate and beneficial

nature, may at times require reasonable assistance in the way of pecuniary accommodation. To successfully conduct a banking business, the chief, the indispensable element is public confidence. That secured, sagacious management, strict probity and vigilance invariably accomplish the rest. A notable instance of this is furnished in the prosperous career of the Pomeroy National Bank of this city, which since its inception nineteen years ago, has ever maintained a record of steady progress and prosperity. The offices are spacious and commodius and neatly fitted up, everything about the place indicating method and admirable management. A general banking business is done, deposits loan and discounts, domestic and foreign exchange transactions, etc., with correspondents in all the principal cities. The officers are all men of unswerving integrity, as well as business ability, and are among the most respected citizens in the community.

Pomeroy Brick Yard, H. V. Bailey, Proprietor.

THE manufacture of brick is probably one of the most ancient industries, and in all ages has held an important relation to human needs and progressive affairs. With the coming and going of centuries this art has become of increased utility, in its application to human needs, and not only have the style of bricks somewhat changed, but methods of manufacturing have had a corresponding improvement. And among one of the most extensive brick works of Meigs county is that conducted by Mr. H. V. Bailey, who is a native of Pomeroy, where he was born in the year 1857. He purchased the brick yard in 1882, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits previous to his present business. He employs ten assistants and none but the most skilled workmen. He makes the best brick for building purposes, in Meigs county, from the common up to the finest pressed brick. The plant is fitted up with all the necessary appliances, everything complete, with ample ground space, yards and drying sheds, conveniently located to the best quality of clay. He is able to supply the best quality of common and pressed brick upon the most reasonable terms. He makes a specialty of supplying contractors and builders with brick on short notice and very reasonable terms. Mr. Bailey is also Superintendent of Meigs County Children's Home, having been appointed in January 1890, and is giving the best satisfaction to the citizens of Meigs county. He is one of Meigs county's best and respected citizens.

Remington House, Wm. Dixon, Prop., Cor. Front and Linn Sts.

AMONG the first class hotels of the city, is the Remington House, conducted by Mr. Wm. Dixon. In 1875 he opened the "Farmers' Exchange." He kept the Exchange for three years and sold out to Isaac Bradfield and removed to Middleport where he stayed five months. He then took charge of the Hein House and kept it until the fire of 1884, when he was burned out with the rest. After keeping boarders a short time in Mr. Aicher's house on Second street he leased the old Edwards building and opened a hotel afterwards known as the Dixon House and has remained here ever since. Mr. Dixon is a popular landlord and Mrs. Dixon is a born landlady, and his old customers have followed him through all his moves, confident of good meals and kind usage. The Remington House has its full share of trade and draws a large part of its patronage from farmers and citizens of the smaller towns along the river. To the traveling public we would say there is no better place to stop in the city, for the money and when in the city give Mr. Dixon a call. He will treat you kindly and you will ever after make it your stopping place.

The Pomeroy Opera House.

THE Pomeroy Opera House was erected in 1889, and is a two story brick 55 x90 feet. It was formally opened Dec. 5th. 1889; has a seating capacity of 750 persons; stage, 30x52 feet, with a proceneum opening of 52 feet. Height to grooves, 16 feet; nine sets of scenery and four exits; electric lights throughout the building, both arc and incandescent. It is well located, in the centre of the city, is well furnished with all the modern improvements, and is on the

direct circuit of Marietta, Wheeling, Parkersburg and Ironton. The number of attractions are limited, the managers only permitting a certain number per month, and the result is a good house. The stock holders are: G. Wildermuth, Pres.; H. V. Bailey, Vice Pres.: J. A. Franz, Treas.; R. P. Skinner, Sec.; W. H. Davies, Business Manager; Ed. L. Keiser, Bk'g. Agent.

B. R. Remington, Books, Stationery, Hardware, Etc., Front St.

ONE of the oldest, as well as the most reliable houses in the entire city is that of the above firm. It was established here years ago by Mr. W. H. Remington, father of the present proprietor. After a number of years the son and present proprietor became a member of the firm. It was then a general store, as the town was small and the different business interests had not yet divided into their respective branches. Later Mr. W. H. Remington & Son, as the town built up, concluded to confine their line of merchandise to books, stationery, hardware, etc., as it is to-day; before this time, anything in the line of merchandise could be obtained. In 1873 the father and senior member retired and the business devolved upon Mr. B. R. Remington, the present proprietor. The record of the house through the years past has been one of marked success, highly reputable and on the whole, has always been and is to-day one of the best, most popular and reliable houses in the city. Mr. Remington is recognized as one of Pomeroy's most successful business men and one of her most enterprising citizens. He is a native of this city; has always lived here and has a marked business career. He is a member of the city council from the Third Ward and a member of the school Board. The store is located nearly opposite the steam-boat landing on Front St., is large and commodious, and the line of goods consist of school books, works of science and literature and various school supplies, a large stock of wall-paper, stationery and those little novelties common to a first class bookstore, and a large line of shelf hardware. The trade of the house is largely due to a policy that is just and equitable.

Mrs. B. N. Reuder, Groceries and Provisions.

AS one of the creditable firms of this city, we are pleased to mention the grocery conducted by Mrs. B. N. Reuder, and located on Salt Street, near the depot. She occupies a room 20x34 feet in dimensions, well adapted to her business and neatly arranged, in which she carries a full line of the freshest and best groceries, provisions and produce, the markets afford, among which may be found the grades of teas, coffees, sugars, spices, canned and bottled goods, meats, farm and dairy products, cakes, candies etc, all of which are sold at bottom prices and guaranteed to be as represented. Mrs. Reuder has been in the business here for the past eighteen years. She enjoys a large share of the public patronage and the confidence of the citizens of Pomeroy and community. She invites her friends to call and examine her stock.

Rolling Mill Brewery, G. Wildermuth Propr. Brewer of Lager Beer and Manufacturer of Artifical Ice.

IN the production of lager beer the achievements of our leading brewers are worthy of attention, and in this historial review of Pomeroy's principal industries it is our province to briefly sketch the career of our leading breweries. Prominent among the number thus referred to is the representative and progressive firm of

Mr. G. Wildermuth, whose office and brewery is located on Second street near the Rolling Mill. This business was established in 1847 by Fred Schaeffer, who continued in this enterprise up to 1865. May 1st 1866 Mr. Wildermuth purchased the entire plant. He possesses all the necessary qualifications to win success, as regards, skill, capital, care, and intelligence. He has attained an enviable reputation for the purity and quality of his malt liquors and the standard excellence maintained in the production of his famous beer. His buildings are all fine brick and wooden structures, the entire plant covering an area of one acre, admirably equipped with all the modern machinery, appliances, apparatus known to the trade. The ice plant is supplied with all the latest improved machinery for the pure ice, two engines are used and everything is complete in all apartments, and every thing that care and science can devise has been utilized to make it perfect in every detail. No drugs or chemicals enter into the manufacture of ice, but it is made from the purest distilled water. He has a capacity to manufacture 35 tons per day, while ten thousand bushels of barley and five thousand pounds of hops are annually consummed at his brewery. A large force of brewers and operators are employed in the vaous departments, and the machinery is operated by two engines. The capacity of the brewery is upwards of six thousand barrels per annum. The mash-tubs, vats, settling tanks and a great array of the largest sized storage tanks all bespeak the care and enterprise of the proprietor. He manufactures all his own malt, which he knows is pure, and it is used and handled in such a scientific and careful manner as to result in the production of a pure, delicious and sparkling beer, that really has no superior in this market. Gottlieb Wildermuth is a native Germany, born in Wurtemberg, May 25th, 1828. He came to America in 1847 and cast his lot with the people of Meigs county. During the war of the rebellion Mr. Wildermuth was a member of Company M 1st West Virginia cavalry. He has been a member of the city council of Pomeroy several terms. He is one of those enterprising men of German birth who make a financial success of any business they undertake. His enterprise adds much to the wealth and material prosperity of the city.

Louis Rump, Manufacturer of Upholstered, and Dealer in all kinds of Furniture, 2nd, St.

FEW departments of trade exhibit a greater degree of progression than has been evinced during the past quarter century in household and cabinet furniture. Articles which years ago were so expensive that only the wealthy could purchase may now be found in the stock of Mr. Rump at prices which come within the reach of every economical family. Mr. Rump is a native of Germany, born in 1852, and came to America nine years ago. He learned the trade of upholsterer in Germany and is a thorough artisan in his line. He is a gentleman who brings into requisition the fullest financial ability and comprehends in his facilities such business relations with manufacturers as will insure his ability to compete with contemporaneous establishments in this part of Ohio. He manufactures and carries in stock as fine a line of upholstered goods in lounges, parlor suits and rockers as you can find in Ohio. He also keeps a full line of all kinds of furniture in parlor, bed room and dining room suits, spring beds, and mattresses. During Mr. Rump's business career in the city he has built up a large and growing trade, His aim is to keep in stock only the best goods and sell them at the lowest cash prices. Of his own manufacture we must say his work cannot be excelled in Ohio. All his goods are warranted in every particular.

Schlaegel Bros., Golden Rule Shoe Store, Under Grand Dilcher Hotel.

PROMINENT among the deservedly successful business houses of Pomeroy stands that of Schlaegel Bros., the popular dealers in boots, shoes, slippers and rubbers. This enterprising business house was inaugurated here in 1887. The store has a frontage on Front street of 23 feet and a depth of 60 feet, is very tastefully fitted up, and is provided with every appliance for the facilitation and successful operation of the business. The stock is a large and select one and embraces everything that is new, shapely and graceful in boots, shoes, slippers and rubbers for men, women and children, and sold at prices which cannot be improved by any competing house. A specialty is made of buying direct from the best manufacturers in the country and for spot cash which enables this firm to name the low prices for which this house is famous. They carry in stock goods of all qualities in all widths and can fit all with comfortable and easy shoes, making a specialty of first-class material, faultless fits and reliable workmanship. The firm of Schlaegel Bros., is entitled to leading recognition in this review. The individual members of this firm are George and J. W. Schlaegel, both natives of West Virginia, aged respectively thirty-two and thirty years. Their parents moved to Ohio when they were quite young and they claim the "Buckeye as their native state. Geo. Schlaegel, the senior member, first engaged in the boot and shoe business ten years ago at Rendville, Perry County, Ohio, where he carried on a successful business for five years. Selling out there he moved to Middleport, Meigs County and engaged in the same business. Fifteen months were spent at this place when he came back to his native city. The business enterprise had its inception here January 15, 1885, when Mr. John Schlaegel purchased the stock of B. Koehler, on Court street, and carried on a very successful business for two years. September, 1877, John and his brother George formed a partnership under the firm name of Schlaegel Bros., and purchased the stock of H. Dilcher, and located their business in a room under the Grand Dilcher Hotel, which under their able management has been so successfully carried on that each succeeding year has brought them increased sales. The prompt and honorable business methods which have characterized their management has secured to them popular favor and a large city and country trade.

The All Right Shop, Peter Schlaegel Prop'r., Tonsorial Parlor, Court St.

ONE of the popular and attractive establishments of its class in this city, is that conducted by Mr. Schlaegel, located on Court street, which merits liberal notice. Mr. Schlaegel commenced business in this city for himself August 1890, as successor to E. B. Gatewood, now deceased. His business is under the special supervision of that accomplished artist in this line, Mr. Philip Dillin, and with fine equipment and employing none but the best and most expert artists, has gained a prominence and popularity enjoyed by few similar establishments. Two chairs are run, and in all departments first-class work is guaranteed. Ladies' and children's hair cutting and dressing is a specialty. All wanting an easy smooth shave, a first-class hair cut, or shampoo, should call at these parlors. Mr. Schlaegel is a native of this city, was born April 1863. He is one of Pomeroy's enterprising young men, and is worthy of all patronage.

Miss Catherine Schilling, Fashionable Dress Maker, and Artistic Cutter, Front Street Opposite Steamboat Landing.

THE ladies of this city and vicinity may be congratulated on the advantages they enjoy in this depart-

ment, which is one of no small importance in artistic fashionable attire. In reviewing the business interests of the city, the writer met Miss Catherine Schilling at her place of business, on Front Street, where she employs about five good practical assistants in fashionable dress making. Miss Schilling is a native of this city, born and raised here, with the exception of the time spent in Cincinnati learning her trade and in sewing, which was eight years ago. After learning the trade, she would work a season there and a subsequent season here, up to three years ago, at which time she went to Chicago and there entered the H. Ayers Jackson School of Artistic Cutting by the Franco-Prussian Mode and Scientific Dress Making. This mode was invented and patented by H. Ayers Jackson, and is the finest in the country. Miss Schilling returned to this city and again embarked in her business. She has many patrons among the ladies of the city and vicinity and is worthy the patronage of the most fastidious ladies of culture and refinement. Anybody visiting her is treated with that courtesy and attention that always secures to her a friend and patron ever after. By her own unaided exertions she has built her way up from a poor girl in a private family to her present place.

Schwegman & Roedel, Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, Boots and Shoes, Pomeroy, O. First Ward.

WHEREVER civilization has obtained a foothold and commerce established its imperial sway, the trade in dry goods and groceries has been among the first to spring into existence, while in older towns and cities this branch of business will be found to occupy a leading position and to engage the attention of our most enterprising business men. Among one of the leading establishments of this class in this city, we notice the house conducted by Schwegman & Roedel, located in first ward, above Rolling Mill. They are successors to J. M. Pilchard. These gentlemen began business here last February, and since that time have built up for themselves a large and increasing trade. The individual members of the firm are Geo. Schwegman, who was born in 1859, and J. M. Roedel, who was born in 1859, both are natives of Pomeroy, and have a well earned reputation as business men. They have a conveniently arranged room for the display of their stock, wnich embraces a complete line of foreign and American dry goods, including newest fabrics, in ladies' dress goods and suitings, ladies' furnishing goods, domestic goods for all home and personal needs, notions, fancy goods, etc. They also carry a full line of pure staple and fancy groceries and provisions, country produce a specialty. Tobaccos, notions, confectioneries, tinware, queensware, and pocket cutlery, garden and farm seeds. They also have in connection a full line of boots and shoes, from ladies' fine kid shoes to gentlemen's heavy brogans. Any one needing anything in this line will do well to call and see them before purchasing elsewhere.

A. W. Seebohm, Druggist and Apothecary, Cor. Linn and Front Sts., Pomeroy, O.

THIS Pharmacy is one of the most elegant and attractive in the city. Good taste and the result of practical experience are displayed on every hand in this model drug store, and it is absolutely unrivalled in popularity. The stock is a comprehensive and well selected one, comprising a full line of fresh and pure drugs and medicines, all proprietary remedies of value, perfumery and toilet articles in profusion, and the greatest care is shown in the accurate and prompt compounding of physician's prescriptions and family recipes. Mr. Seebohm, the esteemed proprietor, established himself in business here thirty three years ago. He is a native of Germany, born in 1826, and came to this country thirty-seven

years ago settling at Dayton, O., and clerked there a while and then went to Indianapolis, Ind., and stayed there a short time, and then went to Cincinnati O., and then came to this city and located here. His extensive stock embraces all of those articles common to a first-class retail drug house, consisting of a fine line of choice Havana filled cigars, and the purest tobaccos in the city, and druggists' sundries in profusion. He also compounds syrup of tar and wild cherry and prepares liver pills. He took a regular course in Pharmacy in Germany and is a registered Pharmacist. All persons giving him a call will find him an affable and agreeable gentleman, and perfectly honorable in all his transactions.

J. W. Shaver, Special Agent of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company, Office in Court House.

MEN protect themselves against the loss of their own destructable property by fire insurance, and justly account it wrong to themselves and their families if they neglect to do so. How much more necessary is life insurance, the ever present possibility of death making prompt action imperative. To each and every man death is always imminent, with its certain veto upon all plans, purposes, hopes and aspirations, but to all life insurance stands ever ready to interpose its protecting and sheltering shield. In connection with these remarks, special attention is directed to the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Co., Detroit, Michigan, under the able management of Mr. J. W. Shaver, since 1883, who is well versed in every detail and feature of life insurance. The following gentlemen, well known to financial life for their executive ability are officers of the Michigan Mutual: Jacob S. Farrand, president; W. A. Butler, vice pres.; G. W. Sanders, actuary; O. R. Looker, secretary; H. F. Frede, assistant secretary; C. A. Kent, counsel; A. H. Wilkinson attorney; H. F. Lyster, medical examiner; M. J. Mooney, superintendent of agencies for Ohio, W. Va., and Kentucky. The Michigan Mutual has many desirable policies, among which we note all the most desirable policies issued by any Company. All Endowment policies having cash value endorsed after the third year. The Company will loan endorsed value to the assured if desired. The assets now exceed three million of dollars. The surplus over and above liabilities to policy holders, according to the laws of Michigan, under which the Company is incorporated, is now nearly $440, 000.00. The net increase of assets during 1890, was $394,239.66, increase of surplus $41,-596.89. Generally speaking the results of the business of last year cannot but be satisfactory in every detail showing an increase of assets, income, surplus, insurance in force, new business secured. The assets are rapidly increasing, owing to its efficient and conservative management. Mr. Shaver their Pomeroy agent, is a native of Gallia County, O., was born July 25, 1884. He obtained his education at the public schools and took a partial course at Hillsdale College. He taught school for fifteen years, has resided in Syracuse Ohio, for the last eighteen years, is highly regarded in commercial life for capacity and sterling integrity. Thoroughly informed as to insurance, he confidently offers the "Michigan Mutual," to the public, being certain that there is no life company now transacting business in this country, that is more able and prompt to pay all loses as soon as properly adjusted. The Arkansas Fiddler, who was unable to fix the roof of his house contented himself with the thought that when it rained he could not fix it and when it was fair weather there was no need of fixing it. Too many men treat the subject of life insurance in the same way. Because there is no immediate necessity of protecting the family, securing a life policy is deferred, and by and by, when the health is broken down, it becomes impossible to do so. Get a policy when you can, while your health is good, and by so doing accumulate for a rainy day.

The Extensive House of the Skinner Hardware Co., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Hardware, Stoves. Tinware, Builders' Supplies, Agricultural Implements, Fertilizers, Etc.

AMONG the prominent commercial establishments of Southern Ohio, whose enterprise and business ability have secured a liberal share of public patronage, we notice the house of the Skinner Hardware Co., on Front St., below Court, who bring into requisition the fullest financial, mechanical and executive ability, commensurate with the demands of this department of trade. The premises occupied embrace one of the finest business blocks in the entire city, being 30x80 feet in dimensions, in which is carried a complete line of general hardware, comprising farmers' and mechanics' tools, table and pocket cutlery, blacksmiths', builders' and painters' supplies, the best makes of plows, house furnishing goods, etc., also the best makes of heating and cooking stoves and ranges, hollowware, etc. They are also manufacturers of tin, copper and sheet iron roofing, spouting and general job work, giving employment during the busy season to a force of experienced assistants, guaranteeing the prompt and efficient execution of all contracts taken. The management of the house devolves upon Mr. R. P. Skinner, a native of this city and a gentleman of strong business ability. In agricultural implements the house handles many of the best goods manufactured in the land, among them, "Stoddards" goods, "Oliver Chilled goods," and Champion mowers and reapers, the most reliable machines made. The house has an extensive trade, increasing daily, due to a policy that is just, liberal and equitable.

F. W. Steinbauer, The Front Street Baker, Confectioner, and Dealer in Foreign Fruits, Nuts, Ice Cream, Oysters, Etc.

TO the farmer we look for the raising of grain, to the miller for the grinding of the cereal into flour, and to the reliable baker for its preparation for the consumer, and it is by this same baker that the most important part is performed. He takes the flour and converts it in a thousand and one different tempting forms, so essential to the household, home and table. Bread, the staff of life, how important a diet, the world over, and how wholesome when properly prepared, yet, how injurious and unwholesome when not properly prepared. Few persons have any adequate conception of the best methods of procuring this important article for the table. Some hold to the idea that the better way is in baking their own bread. This is in the main a poor plan, for many and various reasons. In the first place no stove will uniformly bake; it requires an oven that will uniformly hold heat. The housewife's bakings are never the same, and very often of such a nature as renders it wholly unfit for the stomach. The baker's products are always the same; light and wholesome, and counting all expenses much cheaper in the end. How important, then, the baker to the general public, with a continual supply of fresh bakings at each and every meal. In reviewing the many interests of the city our attention was attracted to the bakery and confectionery of Mr. F. W. Steinbauer, on Front Street. Here is baked first-class products in every sense of the word, and has wide reputation throughout the city for excellence of product. Mr. Steinbauer is a native of Cincinnati, born in the year 1863, and has been in business here since October 20, 1887. Besides doing almost the entire baking for the city, he keeps a fine stock of those goods common to a bakery, such as

foreign and domestic fruits, nuts, ice cream, confectionery, oysters, etc. For a good article in anything in his special line, we might suggest, his is the place to get it. His is the most popular place in the city, and owing to the increase in business it became necessary to build, and in accordance he built the present fine brick structure, which is in all respects a model bakery, with one of the most modern ovens, and a fine ice cream parlor in the rear, with the resident rooms above. Much of the popularity of the house is due to the untiring energies of his wife, Mary E. Steinbauer (nee Schilling), who was born and raised in Pomeroy, the date of her birth being August 3, 1863, and the date of their marriage December 8th, 1887.

The Democrat, C. E. Peoples, Editor and Proprietor.

AS the only Democratic paper in the county we notice The Democrat, edited by Mr. C. E. Peoples. It is a six column quarto, issued on Thursdays. It was first issued September 13, 1888, by B. I. Barker, who issued the same for three months and then sold to Craig & Welch, of Athens, who placed it under charge of a local editor until February 1, 1889, at which time it came into the hands of the present editor and proprietor, he taking the same on credit through persuasions of Mr. Welch, with whom he had been professionally connected at a previous date. The paper at the time of this transfer had almost entirely run down. In one year Mr. Peoples had paid for the entire plant and built up a large circulation, and from that time to this it has been increasing in strength daily. It has now a circulation of 1300 and is devoted to general news and to the local interests of the Democratic party in this county and the city of Pomeroy. It is ably conducted and its pages clean cut, with logical and reasonable editorials, crisp and spicy local news, and has reached an age and patronage which guarantees its established success. The office is equipped with the best type and mechanical appliances for the execution of every description of commercial printing and general job work. The press is new and of the most modern design. Mr. People's is a native of this county, born May 15, 1857. His early life was spent mostly in agricultural pursuits and in the school room. He commenced teaching in the year 1878, which pursuit he followed in this and Athens county for ten years; in the meantime reading law, and was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1888. He commenced practice in this city April 11, 1888. In the fall of 1890 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney on the Democratic ticket over a Republican plurality of 1400, being the only Democrat elected on the entire ticket. He is among the most progressive young men of the county, closely identified with everything pertaining to the advancement of this city and county, and we may safely say that as Prosecutor the office could not be in better hands.

The Meigs County Tribune. Edited and Published by Messrs. Hartley and Huntley.

READING makes the man—and, while it may be said this is not always true yet it is invariably the rule rather than the exception. Take a glance at the records of the world, at the rapid strides made in civilization, science and art, immediately following the invention of printing, in the fifteenth century, directly communicating the ideas of the wise men of that day to the world. Note the advancement up to the present time. Due to what? Simply the art of printing. This art alone has advanced the world more than all others combined. How much does GOOD reading matter elevate the effective reader? Sketch the lives of those eminent statesmen, Lincoln, Garfield, Adams, Clay, Greeley, and

many others, that were in youth general readers. The last penny spent for good reading matter, in youth, rather than kept in the pocket, is wise and judicious. Among the best weeklies in the county is the Meigs County Tribune, a six column quarto sheet, edited and published by Messrs. Chas. A. Hartley and Will H. Huntley, of this place. It had its inception at Racine, this county, April 13, 1887, by Mr. W. G. Sibley, who conducted it up to November 5th, 1890, at which time it passed into the hands of the gentlemen mentioned above, and the office removed to this place. The proprietors are both experienced newspaper men, Mr. Hartley having been city reporter for the Telegraph for six years previous, and Mr. Huntley began writing for the press at the age of sixteen years. The appreciation of the Tribune by our citizens and the liberal advertising in its columns tell of their ability as editors and publishers. Mr. Hartley is a native of W. Virginia, born Dec., 29th, 1856. Owing to that being a border State during the rebellion, his parents moved to this county in 1863, where he received an early education and commenced writing for the press. Mr. Huntley is a native of this city, born on the P. O. corner, Oct. 16, 1863. His tastes have been for literature, and much of his early life was spent over books and in the school room. However, at sixteen, he made a trip through Colorado and the Northwest. Returning at the age of eighteen he again entered school, graduating at the age of nineteen years. He then edited the Middleport Herald for three years and then went into the R. R. business, as passenger agent on the C. H. V. & T. R. R. Closing out that business, he formed the present partnership.

T. H. Towns, Insurance Agent and Manager Western Union Telegraph Office, Office on Linn St.

IN the time of our forefathers it was customary to indemnify a neighbor whose property had been destroyed by fire, by passing around the hat. Later they formed mutual aid societies and were banded together in groups for mutual protection and indemnity. The present system of insurance is the outgrowth of these societies, and, when simplified, the work of the insurance companies of to-day is simply to pass the hat in a similar manner, and collect the little mite from each assured member and in turn distribute it to the sufferers. Such is Life and Accident insurance of to-day. Mr. T. H. Towns, the subject of this sketch, represents two insurance companies, viz: Mutual Life of New York, than which there is none better in the country, and the Standard Life and Accident of Detroit, Mich. The Mutual Life Insurance company is one of the most desirable and equitable organizations in the country; one which commends itself at once to the rich and poor alike, and one which should have the consideration of all who have loved ones they desire to protect from want in case of death. Note these facts concerning the Mutual Life: It is the largest Life Insurance company in the world and offers the best security. On the first of January, 1887, the assets amounted to $114,181,963.24; the insurance in force aggregated $393,809,202.00; the surplus above every liability was $5,643,568.15; since organization to January 1, 1887, the Mutual Life has paid over $243,000,000 to the holders of its policies; the expenses of management are but 13.36 per cent. of the income; the dividends paid policy-holders are larger than in any other company in the world. In accident the Standard is among the best and most reliable companies in the United States. Below is given the last annual statement: At the request of the Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company, of Detroit, Michigan, and for the purpose of verifying its annual statement for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1890, I have made an examination of its books and affairs, and have ascertained its condition on the 31st day of December, 1890, to be as follows, viz: Cash capital, $200-

000.00. Assets.—Loans on bonds and mortgages, $288,222.22; Detroit City bonds, 35,000.00; cash in company's principal office and deposited in banks 81,790.52; interest accrued on bonds and mortgages, 7,012.56; premiums in course of collection (not over three months due.) 142,244.90; total assets, 554,270.20. Liabilities—reinsurance reserve, being 50% of the gross, premiums, received and receivable upon all unexpired accident risks, $267,668.49; reserve for collecting outstanding premiums, 36,983.67: reserve for losses, 28,966.66; total liabilities, 333,618.82; surplus to policy holders, $220,651.38 The same statement shows its policy holders to number 32,748. Mr. Towns is a native of Stark county, this State and is also manager of the Western Union Telegraph office, in this city, which place he has filled to the entire satisfaction of the company for the the past fourteen years, and has represented insurance over ten years, thus having an extensive knowledge of all callings in the business. We could say anyone contemplating insurance should see him, and those not contemplating such should consider the matter at once.

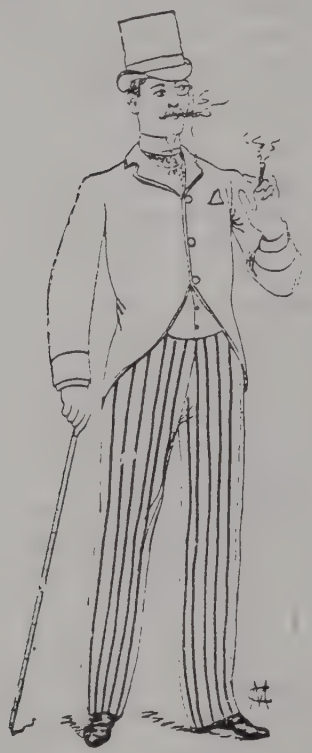
C. J. Vincent, Marble Works, Cor. Second & Mechanics Sts.

THE veneration and esteem which leads to a desire to mark the last resting place of departed friends and loved ones with a suitable stone or monument, has developed a high artistic skill in sculpture art, and in original and beautiful designs, and made our cemeteries ornaments to all communities, and places of reverent resort and attraction. As a dealer in foreign and American marble and granite, and as designer and an artist in this department, the Vincent Marble Works have exhibited that skill and perfection which justify most liberal consideration. This is one of the oldest established houses in this part of the State, and was started by Mr. John Proide. Business was conducted by him until 1877, when C. J. Vincent became proprietor, and has the entire control and management, and under whose skill and ability these works are represented by many beautiful monuments and memorial land marks in the cemeteries of the city and those of various towns and cities in this section of the State. This establishment is prepared to supply marble and granite monuments or head stones, construct vaults and execute every description of cemetery work, upon reasonable terms. He will be pleased to have those interested in securing monuments visit his works and examine standard and original designs on hand, or he will prepare designs for special purposes, on reasonable terms. Mr. Vincent is a native of Kentucky, born in 1845, and came to this county in 1858. He learned the trade of stone cutter with his father, and was engaged as brick and stone contractor from 1865 to 1881, and was controlling both of these branches of industry. At this time he turned his entire attention to his marble works. He employs no traveling salesman, but sells direct, less agent's commission. Call and see him and he will save you money.

George Wilhelmi, Dealer in Ready-made Clothing, Merchant Tailor.

WHILE it may not be said that in all respects dress makes the man, it must be conceded that neat and fashionably made clothing not only effects the man as he appears to others, but has much to do in forming self-respect and character. One of the leading merchant tailors of this city is Mr. George Wilhelmi, whose establishment is located on Front street. Mr. Wilhelmi is a native of Germany, where he was born September 1862, and came to this country in 1881. He has been engaged in business in this city five years, and in that time has won wide favor by the ability displayed in the cutting and neat fits he turns out. He employs six thoroughly practical experienced assistants

and carries in stock a full and complete line of suitings, piece goods, vesting, pants. etc. He also carries a very choice line of gents' furnishings of



every description. And in addition to this he carries a full line of all kinds of ready made clothing, He occupies a fine business room in the Eagle Block; the finest block in the city. The room is well adapted for the display of his stock. All work guaranteed.

W. G. Wright, Horse-Shoer and General Blacksmith. Repairing Done Promptly.

WITH the advance of civilization, many of our mechanical pursuits show marked improvement over former years. Especially noticeable in this connection is the blacksmith and his avocation. In former years horse-shoeing was performed by blacksmiths regardless of any knowledge they might possess of the proper treatment of the horse or the horse's hoof. Intelligence and humane interests have brought a change in the old methods. The intelligent and practical horse shoer is now separate and distinct from the general blacksmith Worthy of special mention in this department of our mechanical pursuits, is the well conducted shop of W. G. Wright. By trade he is a blacksmith, an expert worker in iron and steel, and has followed the business for six years at his present location on second street. He learned his trade in Rutland, Ohio, with W. H. Rightmire. Mr. Wright is a practical mechanic and enjoys a large and growing trade. He occupies commodious quarters and has it filled up with forges and every appliance for doing first class work. He has a large patronage from the owners of valuable horses, trotters, track horses, and other valuable fast stock. Mr. Wright is a native of Rutland, where he was born in 1858. He employs one competent assistant. As a reliable and practical horse shoer, his reputation is not confined to Pomeroy.

Dr. D. C. Whaley, Dentist, West Side Court Street.

OUT of the vast unknown have come floods of pure and healthful thought and knowledge through a touch of the wand of science, but resulting in scarcely any one department in higher benefits to humanity than those which have come through the channels of dental science and art. Among those whose art and appliances justify recognition is Dr. D. C. Whaley, who was born in Wood county, Virginia, in 1828, came to this county in 1832. He is the youngest living child of a Revolutionary soldier, as shown by the records. Edward Whallay (as the name was originally spelled) was one of the judges on the trial and signer of the death warrant of Charles I. after the Revolution. Whallay, Dixwal and Goff fled to America; rewards were offered for their arrest and they were hiding for years in caves and other places of concealment in Connecticut. From this man Whallay, a Puritan refugee,

the Whalays are direct descendants. When a young man Dr. Whalay began the study of medicine, Dr. W. B. Vanduyn, of Middleport, Ohio, being his preceptor. He afterwards turned his attention to dentistry, receiving a diploma from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, of which he is an original stockholder. With the exception of a few years, when burned out by the fire of '56, Dr. Whalay has been located in Pomeroy, Ohio, a period of thirty-eight years, occupying the present stand since 1861. From the crude manner of hammering the gold plate on a flat iron and rubbing the teeth on a grind-stone, Dr. Whalay has progressed until he now has as fine, if not the finest, dental parlors in Ohio. His operating room and laboratory exhibit the utilization of the finest tools, and the newest improved appliances (many of which are his own invention) for the execution and operation of every description of mechanical and operative dentistry. In his laboratory is to be found an Otto gas engine, run by gas manufactured from gasoline. This adjustification of the engine is the Doctor's own, and is the only one in the world run by gasoline gas. It is used for propelling the dental lathes, engines, fans, and other machinery. Dr. Whaley brings into requisition that artistic and mechanical skill which commands the confidence of the public.

The Enterprising Little City of Middleport.

"In every work regard the writer's end.
Since none can compass more than they intend."

THE author of Ecce Deus says, "History can never be written; only hinted at." Especially so is this the case in an Historical and Business review of Middleport, our topic being rather of the LIVING PRESENT than of the PAST, and we have to deal, mainly, with the facts of the present day in bringing to the public eye the accomplishments, talents and business activities which give healthful vigor to our city to-day. There is, however, much that is instructive as well as interesting in the contemplation of the organization and growth of the city, as we will, in a brief manner, touch upon the chief points of her early history and developments, from a wild domain as we left her in a preceding chapter; the home of the Indian and the haunt of the trapper, to the present time, when she stands, surrounded by a veritable garden spot which is one of the most productive in the State, abounding in a wealth of minerals equaled by few, and possessing natural advantages for manufacture and commerce, which will place her in the front rank of commercial centres of Ohio.

The city of Middleport is situated on the Ohio river, 215¾ miles above Cincinnati, and adjoining the city of Pomeroy, Meigs County, Ohio. The surface of the country is broken, consisting of rugged hills and pleasant valleys, many of which are not only grandly picturesque, but thickly inhabited and highly productive in grains and fruits. The hills are full of mineral wealth, among which bituminous coal is the chief product.

But let us view it from a different standpoint, and in accordance, dear reader, follow us to the top of yonder precipice, rising so abruptly from the level plain, some one hundred or more feet in height, now covered with a dense vegetation. The month is April; the year 1797. Now that we have been able to reach the summit by an arduous task, only assisted by the many shrubs on

its steep slopes was it that we were at all able to reach our present point. But, what a picture! See the beautiful Ohio winding its way down the valley. Yes, we can DISTINCTLY see and trace it in its every crook and source, for a distance of eight miles. Then looking up the valley we can see the approach of its waters five miles distant. The month of April, the dense vegetation just bursting forth with new life.

The Ohio teems with fish and the dense luxuriant wood abounds in game, but no city dots the shore of this noble stream; not even a camp fire gleams along its banks, and no maize fields cover the fertile bottom lands or lend variety to the wild vernal green. An oppressive stillness hangs over the land, marked and intensified rather than broken, and only made more wierd by the tossing of the waters upon the shores and the soft mysterious sounds echoed from the distance through the long dim aisles of the forest. All nature is lovely, but with all her pristine beauty, the valley is hushed in the vastness and solemnity of her solitude. Nowhere is human habitation or indication of human life—but, hold? what is this gently approaching us from far up the Ohio, quietly floating with the waters; floating to colonization; to civilization! It is a raft and on it human beings. Yes, we can see them distinctly piloting and guiding the raft. Let us be quiet and watch; one hour has passed, and it is directly even with us, still floating with the currant, perhaps bound for some quiet place far down the river. But, no! it has gently approached the shore, and its occupants landed. Why, it is Benjamin Smith and wife, starting hopefully out to begin the battle of life together, and they have floated all the way from the block-house at Marietta, and now land at this place. Making their way up from the river's shore they resolve to plant their fortunes on this spot. Can they mistake? No, dear reader, for this is indeed a lovely spot. Mr. Smith erects a cabin on the river's bank, on what is now the property of Mrs. Sally Russel, on Front Street, below the flour mill and claims the land as his, and

HERE, where the beautiful yet dreary forest spreads,
He a little band of settlers heads:
And now beholds, with patriot joy elate,
The infant settlement become a STATE.

Sees fruitful orchards and rich fields of grain,
And towns and cities rising on the plain,
While fair Ohio bears with conscious pride
New, laden, vessels to the ocean's tide.

Did he ever imagine while building this rude hut, that he was planting the germs of civilization, so soon to be manifest, and that a thriving city should spring up from where before only savage feet had trod? Such was destined to be and this same fertile valley is the valley upon which the thriving little city of Middleport now stands.

But return with us, dear reader, to the top of this same cliff. What a transformation! Surely this is not the same point we visited not one century since? But, yes, it is: there is the same river in its numerous meanderings

and this the same rock we sat upon that memorable day in April, 1797. But, what is this extending along the river bank and fairly covering the fertile valley for a distance of several miles?

MIDDLEPORT.

Here directly beneath our feet is the Union School Building, where the youth of the town daily went their way and received their early training. To the right many blocks down the river the smoke is curling black and thick from the steel plant, and jets of steam from the great engine at the flour mills at the head of Mill St., together with the clatter of machinery at the Ohio Machine Works and the usual hum drum of the city's industries combined, lead one to remark, that "the founders of civilization in this little spot builded more wisely than they knew." But let us return once more to the scene before us. Instead of the dense wood are open fields, fruitful orchards, farm houses, fences and newly plowed fields in all directions. All is civilization and industry. Just across the river is the village of Clifton, with its church spires pointing to the heavens, and two miles up the river on the Ohio side is the city of Pomeroy, the county seat, extending for a distance of some miles along the river and directly opposite, on the West Virginia shore, is Mason City, and two miles from us, down the river, on the W. Va. shore, is the village of West Columbia, and still two more miles further down is plainly visible Camden. Thus we are able to take in at a glance the conformation of the country for miles around and treated to a view of a landscape to tempt and demand the best efforts of an artist. This is the month of April, the year 1891. Just ninety-four years since we saw this a wilderness, from this same point. If civilization can transform the wilderness into one homogeneous mass of buildings and industries,—then, what is civilization?

NAME.

After the settlement made by Wm. Smith, other families came in and settled at various points along tne river. Among them were Benson Jones and family; Judges Brewster and Higley and families; and David Thomas and family. Thus the settlement grew from year to year, we know not how, until the year 1802, at which time the admission the State into the Union attracted attention and many were the families to locate. Some of them were John Miles, Abijah Hubbel, Felix Benedict, Caleb Gardner, James Phelps, Joel Higley, Sr. and Jr., Daniel Rathburn.

In the year 1837, the town was laid out by Dr. W. B. Van Duyn and Benjamin Smith and the name Vinton given it. But the next year, there being another place in the State of the same name, it was changed to Sheffield. This was the part of the city now below Mill street. That part of the city lying above Mill street was laid out by Philip Jones, on his own property, some years after Sheffield and called Middleport, perhaps, for the reason that it was in the middle, i. e. between Sheffield and Pomeroy.

FIRST EVENTS.

FIRST SETTLER.

The first settler on the present site of Middleport was Benjamin Smith, who settled on the river bank on Front street, and erected a hut in April 1797,

on what is now the property of Mrs. Sally Russell. The hut has long since disappeared and the present structure is among the oldest in the town.

BIRTH OF THE FIRST CHILD.

The first child born in Meigs county was born in Middleport, in the hut above spoken of, August 27, 1797. This was the son of Mr. Smith, the first, and to whom they gave the time honored name of John Smith.

FIRST STORE.

The first store opened in the place, was opened by Dr. W. B. Van Duyn and Benjamin Smith, and the firm styled Van Duyn &Smith. This was general merchandising and the store room was located on Front Street just below the Middleport Flour Mills, in the year 1835.

FIRST SCHOOL.

The first school was opened in the year 1837, with Henry Barton as "knight of the rod" and many of the youth of that day here received their early training.

FIRST POST OFFICE.

The year 1837 was a conspicuous one to the little village as it was, also in this year the first post office was opened, with Elias Cole as the first Post Master.

FIRST PHYSICIAN.

The first physician was Dr. W. B. Van Duyn. He was the son-in-law to Benjamin Smith, the first settler. He married Miss Elizabeth Smith, and their descendants are still living in the city.

FIRST MILLS

The first flour mill in the city was the Grant Mill, and is the same as the Middleport Flour Mill Co. The building has been remodeled several times and new additions built, but is on the same site, and, so speaking, is the same building.

FIRST BURIAL PLACE.

The first burial place was in the upper part of the city, and is now the property of Dr. Swan. It was given by Philip Jones for that purpose, Jones owning all the property in the upper end of the city at that time.

FIRST HOTEL.

The first hotel, or properly speaking, "inn," kept in the town was kept by Jacob Fultz, who first came down the river in a boat and sold from it some groceries and liquors, and later started an "inn" on the corner of Second and Rutland Streets. Many stories are told of this, the first inn keeper in Middleport, how he would seek custom from the unwary farmer from the back-woods, and entice him to trade his produce for liquor. The second hotel in the town was kept by J. W. Mathews, on the corner of Coal and Front Streets, where the Paragon Steam Laundry now is, about the year 1850.

FIRST DRUG STORE.

The first drug store was kept by Hugh Kennedy, on Rutland street, which was then the principal street of the town.

FIRST BLACKSMITH

The first man to sound the "music of the anvil" in the town, was a Mr. Davis, also on Rutland street

FIRST RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

The first religious societies organized in the town were the Society of Christians and the Society of Methodists. These were organized about the same time, but there is no doubt the Christians were the first, however, it is not clear.

FIRST RAILROAD.

The first Rail Road was the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo.

GENERAL STORES

Geo. Wameldorff sold a general line of merchandise in a frame building on Rutland Street, in 1847. Also two other parties sold general merchandise on the same street, viz: Dr. H. R. Wilson and A. M. Barlow. Geo. Wameldorff still resides in the city and owns and operates one of the leading hotels, the Walnut Street House, noted elsewhere in this work.

FIRST GROCERY.

The first exclusive grocery store was kept by Geo. Wameldorff, Sr., at the head of Second St., in 1857.

FIRST JEWELER.

The first worker in silver and gold was Philip Huber, whose stand was on Second St., between Walnut and Rutland.

FIRST ICE CREAM SALOON.

Alfred Gardner was the first to season and crystalize the cream for the town folk. He kept on the north side of Rutland between Second and Front Sts.

GROWTH OF BUSINESS.

Business seems to have gone from Rutland on down Second to Mill St., Rutland having been the principal business street at the earliest date. No doubt Mill St. will be the principal business street in a few years, as business is now drifting in that direction.

RECAPITULATION.

To give an idea of the diversity of her interests, we annex a table giving an analysis of the trade and business interests of the city at the present time.

Agricultural Implements	1.	Book Stores	1.
Art Stores	2.	Boots and Shoes	4.
Bakers	3.	Brick Manufacturers	2.
Banks	1.	Carriage Manufacturers	1.
Barbers	3.	Cigar Manufacturers	1.
Blacksmiths	4.	Clothing and furnishings	2.

Confectionery and Fruits	2.	Liquors	8.
Dentists	1.	Livery	4.
Dress Makers	3.	Marble Works	1.
Drugs	3.	Meat Markets	3.
Dry Goods	6.	Merchant Tailors	4.
Flour and Feed	2.	Millinery	3.
Flouring Mills	1.	Musical Merchandise	2.
Foundries and Mach. Shops	1.	Newspapers	2.
Furniture, Retail	1.	Notions and Toys	2.
Furniture Manufacturers	1.	Photographers	1.
Groceries, Wholesale	1.	Physicians	4.
Groceries, Retail	8.	Planing Mills	1.
Gen'l Merchandise	8.	Printers and Publishers	2.
Hardware	2.	Sewing Machines	1.
Harness	2.	Stoves and Tinware	2.
Hotels and Restaurants	6.	Tinware	3.
Insurance	3.	Miscellaneous	17.
Jewelers	3.		
Laundries	1.		140.

THE PRESS IN MIDDLEPORT.

The first newspaper printed in Middleport was established by Mr. D. D. W. Davis, who worked as a journeyman in the Telegraph office at Pomeroy a short time in 1864. The material with which it was printed had formerly been used on the Pike County Press, had lain idle for some time, and was purchased at a low figure. The first number of his paper was issued November 1st, 1865, and was called the Middleport Gazette. It was a small folio, the pages measuring 12½x19½ inches, and was the largest size that could be printed upon his press, which was one of the "Smith" pattern. The Gazette was published under his name until January 19, 1867, at which time he sold a one-half interest in the establishment to H. C. Teeter; then the Gazette appeared with Davis and Teeter as publishers for some two months, when Mr. Davis sold his remaining half interest to L. O. Smith, in March following. On the 20th of March, 1867, it was enlarged to a seven column paper; the name was changed to Meigs County Press, and the firm name changed to Teeter & Smith. At this time the first addition to material was made, both in body and job type, and the old "Smith" press was shipped off, while a "Washington" of sufficient size to permit of still further enlargement, took its place. On the 1st of December 1868, H. C. Teeter purchased the half interest of L. O. Smith, and continued the publication until May 19, 1869, at which time the paper appeared with the name of N. I. Behan as publisher and editor. On the 2nd of June, 1869, Mr. Behan added another column to each page, having purchased new body type and added job material. Mr. Behan was sole publisher until March 23, 1870, when Mr. Porter brought on his job office from Beverly, which was added to the Press establishment, and the paper appeared under the firm name of Behan & Porter. It was so continued until October 5, 1870, when the job office was withdrawn, and Mr. Behan made some further addition of job material and remained sole publisher of the Press until its suspension.

The first issue of the Meig's County News appeared under date of November 22, 1871, with E. S. Branch as publisher, and was printed on what was formerly the Press material, to which had been added a small job office, which Mr. L. O. Smith brought to this place, consisting of a cabinet of new job type and an eighth medium job press. On July 22, 1874, Mr. Branch sold the News to G. W. Chase, who conducted it about six months, when the office passed into the hands of Behan and Teeter, who in 1875 sold to a stock company by which the concern was transferred to J. W. Dumble. In 1878 the Democrats of Meigs County organized a stock company and issued the Meigs County Herald, with a Mr. Shepard as editor. As usual with all newspapers, with too many mixing in the management, all was not smooth sailing and Shepard was superseded by Geo. Wise. Still there were too many interested, and finally the office passed into the hands of F. C. Russell, who first installed his brother A. S. Russell, as editor, who was succeeded for a time by Charles Huntley, then A. L. Russell was again in charge; then Will Huntley, and finally the name of W. C. Russell, youngest son of F. C. Russell, appeared as editor. The St. Louis Convention, which renominated Grover Cleveland, having pronounced in its platform against the protection wing of the party, the Herald became a Republican paper, with W. C. Russell as editor. On November 8, 1889, Mr. L. O. Smith, for many years a newspaper man and well known among our citizens, became editor of the Herald, with F. C. Russell, proprietor, and the paper has steadily grown in public favor, and is among the best weeklies in the county. In 1882 or 1883, Farrell & Butler started a neutral or independent paper called the "Bee." Farrell afterwards became sole owner and then removed the office to Pomeroy, where a fire soon closed out the establishment.

Middleport's Many Industries. How Her Enterprising Business Men Conduct Business.

3—THE BIG THREE—3

Domestic Dry Goods, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Dress Goods, Notions, Carpets, Shoes and Groceries, Cor. Fourth and Mill Streets.

This house, as at present constituted, dates its inception here to October, 1885, and has always exerted a strong influence over the dry goods trade of Meigs county, and its honorable methods of dealing with the public, combined with its push and energy, has kept it in the front rank and built for it one of the best trades in Southern Ohio, being the recognized leader in Meigs county. "THE BIG THREE" Stores are nicely located at the corner of Fourth and Mill streets, and are among the finest business rooms in the entire county, that part of the building to the right being erected in the year 1886, and that on the left in 1890. The premises were built by Mr. Talbott for his especial purpose, with large plate glass fronts, a two story brick, one of the finest business blocks in the city, as the accompanying cut shows. Mr. B. E. Talbott, the proprietor of "THE BIG THREE" stores, is a native of Athens county, born Nov. 16, 1860. He entered the house as a clerk for his brother, J. W. Talbott, in the year '79 and later became a partner. In October, 1885, his brother entered another field and Mr. Talbott became sole proprietor. He has aimed to keep fully abreast of the times and as the business grew from year to year it was in accordance to this growth that he constructed the

present elegant quarters. The writer was shown through the different departments of the business, presenting one of the largest stocks along the river, consisting of domestic dry goods, ladies', misses' and children's dress goods of the latest design, ladies' and gents' furnishings, hosiery, gloves, etc. In house furnishings are carpets, lace curtains, window shades, poles, fixtures, etc., and all articles belonging to this department. In the shoe department are ladies', misses' and children's shoes in both dress and service wear, in all styles and make. Men's and boys' footwear from the cheapest to the best grades. The grocery department is complete and comprises all the various home and table supplies carried in any first class grocery store. Mr. Talbott buys his goods in New York City, it being the entrepot or headquarters for any and all such goods in the United States, making two trips in person each year; this he has been doing since the year '83, buying at the lowest possible figure and selling after the same plan, thus saving to his customers from ten to twenty per cent. on every purchase. Employment is given to a full force of competent assistants, who make it a pleasant trading place for its many customers, and each year sees the business increasing and leading the trade in this line. Any one visiting the establishment is treated with courtesy and shown a line of goods that cannot be duplicated for the money in the county. Remember the place is

3—THE BIG THREE—3
CORNER FOURTH AND MILL STREETS.

TRY THE NEW
LIVERY, FEED, SALE AND TRANSFER STABLE,
BEESON BROS., PROPS.
Third St., Bet. Locust and Mulberry.
ALL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED.

"Big Kanawha" Sample Room, Cor. Second and Walnut St., Middleport, Ohio.

AS the finest equipped and best stocked sample room in Middleport we notice the "Big Kanawha", owned by Mr. J. H. Dawe, which is thoroughly metropolitan in all its appointments and is conducted upon those principles which reflect credit upon its management, as well as the community at large. Kanawha Sample Room is a well known resort under the management of Mr. A. J. Grimes, and has grown to be more popular than ever, and now monopolizes the cream of the trade in Middleport. The bar is fully stocked with Old Bourbon and Sour Mash whiskies, pure wines and liquors, lager beer, ale, soft drinks, etc. A full line of the choicest brands of cigars and tobaccos is kept constantly on hand. His bar fixtures are elegant; the bar is of cherry and his side board of the same material, ornamented with bevel French plate mirrors. This palace is centrally located, corner Second and Walnut streets, where the finest and smoothest goods can be found. Speaking of its manager we cannot forget to mention a few of his good acts since boyhood. Mr. A. J. Grimes, at the age of thirteen, responded to the President's first call, left his home, parents and friends to go fight for his country. He en-

listed in Company H, 36th Reg't O. V. I., Aug. 12th, 1861, and was honorably discharged Aug. 1865. He bore the reputation of being one of the bravest soldiers in his company when but a mere boy. He returned to this place after the war and has lived here ever since. Drop in and see him and you will find him and the place the most popular in Meigs county.

"Buckeye" Bakery and Grocery, Covert & Hartinger, Proprietors, Mill Street.

AMONG the most popular houses in this city, is that of Covert & Hartinger, whose place of business is on Mill Street. They occupy a fine business room 18x36 feet in dimensions, where can be found at all times the best fresh bread, cakes, crackers, etc. Fine cakes are put up for weddings,

parties or festivals on short notice and on reasonable terms. They also carry in stock foreign and domestic fruits, confectioneries, tobaccos, cigars, etc. They have in connection a full supply of groceries, sugars, teas, coffees, spices, and all other grocers' sundries. The individual members of this firm are W. A. B. Covert and A. W. Hartinger, both natives of Middleport. These gentlemen commenced business in 1890, and have built up for themselves a large and increasing trade, by their straightforward business principles. They run a free delivery wagon to all parts of the city, and Pomeroy for their patrons, and any one wishing anything in this line will find these gentlemen on Mill Street, Buckeye Bakery.

F. Burchard, Fruits, Confectionery, Cigars and Tobaccos, Second St.

AMONG the institutions of Middleport deserving special mention in this work is the establishment of Mr. F. Burchard, on Second street, a house of fruits, nuts, confectionery, cigars, tobaccos, oysters, ice cream and sweet meats of various kinds. He is a native of this place and has been connected with the present business four years. Anything in foreign, tropical, or domestic fruits at all times. Give him a call when in the city.

Walter Branch, Manager Western Union Telegraph Company, Second Street, Middleport, O.

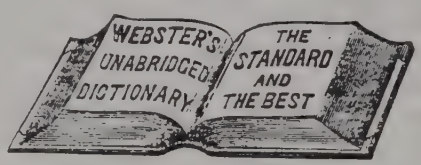
IN the prominent relations he holds with our citizens and business men we notice Mr. Walter Branch, the present efficient operator and manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company for this city. Mr. Branch is a native of this county, born in Pomeroy in 1852. He was raised and educated there also, learning telegraphy and was appointed manager of the Western Telegraph Company here in 1871, making one of the best managers the company has, his duties being performed so perfectly in this number of years that he is one of the most influential citizens of Middleport.

F. P. Bryan, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Saddlery Hardware, and Manufacturer of and Dealer in Horse Furnishings.

THERE are no mechanical pursuits that can claim higher consideration in their relation to public necessities than those which relate to the preparation of the horse for the service he must perform. Take the horse from the field one week and its effect is to cripple all progressive operations and business affairs from the center to the remotest part of the world. In ancient times so highly prized was the horse that the most precious metal, gold, was sometimes used to form the protection for the foot. In modern times the ingenuity of man has kept pace with greater capabilities of use for which the horse proved to be adapted, as may be seen in the production of varieties of harness especially adapted to permit the performance of the work required with ease to the animal, and distributing the strain of the load over those parts best calculated to receive it. This summarizing was brought about in visiting the manufacturing wholesale and retail house of Mr. F. P. Bryan, on Second Street. A few words in regard to the business relations of the house. Mr. Bryan's is a wholesale and retail saddlery hardware, exhibiting some of the finest goods manufactured in the country, besides at leisure times he manufactures all kinds of single and double harness to order, and deals extensively in all horse furnishings, and makes general turf goods a specialty. For anything in his line there is no more reliable house in the county, and none are better workers in leather. He is a native of Williamsburg, Va., born in the year 1832. At the age of five years he became a resident of Newark, O. Again he located at Pleasantville, Fairfield Co., and has been a resident of Middleport about thirty-five years, and in his present business here, about thirty years. His is one of the most complete establishments in the valley, and enjoys a good trade.

A. Calderwood, Books, Notions, Wall Paper, Etc. 45 Second St.

IN reviewing the business interests of this place the compiler of this work called at the book, notion, and wall paper establishment of Mr. Calderwood, on Second Street. Here is one of the prettiest store rooms in Middleport, with large plate glass covering the entire front of the room, and completely stocked with school and miscellaneous books, works of fiction,



history, art and literature, tablets and all the various books carried in a first-class book store. Outside of this are school supplies in abundance, fine ink wells and gold pens in great profusion. The wall paper department is full and complete, and patrons find in this house one of the best places in the city to deal. Mr. Calderwood owns the building, a fine two story brick 23x65 feet in dimensions, and one of the finest business rooms in Middleport. Mr. Calderwood is a native of Scotland, and came to this country when quite young, settling in Middleport when a boy. For many years he has been closely identified with the commercial interests of the city, having been associated with his father in the dry goods business for a number of years, and later started in the grocery bnsiness in his present quarters, and continued in that line until the "1884 flood," at which time he lost quite an amount of goods, and on reopening it was to open his present line. His is among the best houses in the city, and enjoys a good trade. He is also agent for the Adams Express Co., Clerk of the Board of Education; Township

Clerk for sixteen years, and Treasurer of First Presbyterian Church; and one of Middleports' most active business men.

Carpenter & Wilson, Dealers in Groceries and Notions.

IN looking over the city we found among down-town business enterprises a neat little grocery store that deserves special mention in this review. This business was established here three years ago. They carry a full line of groceries, including teas, coffees, sugars, pure spices, provisions, tobacco and cigars, canned goods, tinware and notions. They have small rents to pay and are at less expense and can sell goods at lower prices than some of the more pretentious concerns. Call and see if our verification is not correct. Mr. Carpenter is a native of Athens county, and was a machinist until three years ago. Mr. Wilson is a native of West Virginia and has been a resident of this city for the past five years.

Edwin Cook, Dealer in Flour, Feed, Seeds, Lime, Cement, Etc., Second Street.

IT is only by a careful review in detail of the many and varied industrial enterprises of Middleport that a true knowledge of its commercial magnitude may be attained. The traffic in grain, flour and feed forms one of the principal factors of the city's commerce, and a firm entitled to liberal mention in this respect is that of Mr. Edwin Cook. The business was started here by him nearly three years since and has steadily grown from that date to this. He is a native of this city and devoted much of his time, up to entering his present field, to teaching at various points throughout the country. An extensive grain business is transacted, paying the highest cash price for grain and country produce at all times. Feed constitutes a leading feature of the business, being shipped in from the west in car lots. An immense amount of flour, seeds of all kinds, and vegetables are handled. The trade of the house is large and extends over a radius of several miles around Middleport. Here is headquarters for anything in garden or field seeds at all times.

John A. Dawson, Cigars, Tobaccos. Candies and Notions, Second St., Middleport. O.

THIS business place is a recent accession to the business interests of Middleport, having been in operation but two years. Mr. Dawson is almost a life long resident of this place. He was born in England in the year 1844. His parents came to this country when he was but three years old, and settled here in Middleport. Mr. Dawson has been identified with business pursuits for many years previous to his present enterprise. He keeps in stock pure fresh candies and confections, foreign and American fruits, nuts, fine cigars, tobaccos, etc. He was one of the patriots to respond to the call of his country. He entered the Union Army, May 1864, in Co. A, 140th O. V. I., and served his country bravely until honorably discharged in September 1864. He established his present business here 1889. Under his management the enterprise has met with success. In this department of our commercial system the establishment of John A. Dawson holds a prominent place in this section of Meigs county. Call and see him and you will always find a nice fresh stock to select from.

Farmers' Hotel, Mill St., William Swisher, Proprietor.

THIS is one of the best conducted hotels in the city of Middleport, and is under control of Mr. William Swisher, who is a native of Virginia, where he first saw the light of day in

1835, and came to Meigs county in 1844, with his parents, and has been a resident ever since. When the war of the rebellion broke out, Mr. Swisher responded to the call and enlisted in Co. D., 141st Regiment Infantry, and did credit to himself and honor to the nation. In 1890 Mr. Swisher was elected by the Republicans of this city to the honorable position of City Marshal. We would just say to the readers of this review, if you want a good square meal just go to Farmers' Hotel on Mill Street. His rates are but one dollar per day to transient, and reduced rates are given to regular boarders.

L. N. Gerber, Merchant Tailor, Mill Street.

TO dress well may not be the chief end of man, but the character of his attire certainly has a great in-

fluence on his career in life. It effects not only the opinions of others, but in a large degree his own self respect. One of the leading merchant tailors in this section of the country, is the subject of this sketch Mr. L. N. Berger. His establishment is located on Mill Street, where he has been stationed for the past two years. He is a native of Gallipolis, O., and has been connected with the merchant tailoring business for nearly fifteen years in this place. He is a practical workman, his work having given the best of satisfaction in every instance. He carries at all times a complete and comprehensive line of the newest piece goods and suitings from both American and foreign looms, and guarantees to patrons neat and perfect fits, and first-class workmanship in all cases. If in need of anything in his line you cannot put it in better hands. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias and it is due to him as the Keeper of Records and Seals that we obtained the records of this order mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mrs. Nellie Gray, Fashionable Dressmaker, Second St., Between Coal and Race Sreets.

EACH year with its growth of culture, refinement and wealth, increases the importance of this department of art, which now requires both skill and aesthetic taste to meet the requirements of fashion and secure the favors of the best class of ladies. Mrs. Nellie Gray is a native of Connecticut, and has been in business in Middleport for the past twenty years. She has been a resident of this city since the year 1866. For nine years prior to that time she was engaged in glove making in Cincinnati. She keeps on an average from four to five practical assistants, and has had that experience which commends her at once to the most favorable consideration among the better class of ladies. She is in receipt of newest patterns and styles, promptly on their appearance in our eastern cities, and uses the best known system of cutting to

insure neat and perfect fits, and exercises a refined and artistic taste in trimming and draping which insures the best satisfaction to her patrons, while prices are uniformly reasonable.

S. T. Grogan, Sample Room, Cor. Walnut and Second Streets.

THIS is one among the most attractive and efficiently conducted sample rooms in the city and enjoys the patronage of many of our leading citizens and business men. Mr. Grogan is a native of Charleston, W. Va., where he first saw the light of day in 1854, and commenced business here in 1884, and worked as a boiler maker previous to that time, Mr. Grogan has the finest fitted up bar in the city, the bar being the latest design, and the side board decorated with the finest French plate mirrors. Mr. Grogan occupies a fine business room, 20x40 feet in dimensions, wherein he carries a complete line of the best grades of foreign and domestic wines, rye and old bourbon whiskies, beer, ale, and all popular soft drinks, tobacco and a full line of imported and domestic cigars. He also keeps in connection a lunch counter, where can be obtained a nice, clean lunch for the hungry. Mr. Grogan employs one assistant, who is the finest mixer of fancy drinks in the city. This house is noted for its strict order and honorable business methods and courteous treatment of its many patrons.

D. S. Hartinger, Physician and Surgeon, Office, Second St., Middleport, Ohio.

AMONG the accomplished physicians and surgeons of Middleport we notice the name of Dr. Hartinger, who is a native of this county, born in 1847, on a farm in Rutland township. He obtained his early education in the common schools and received a certificate to teach when but eighteen years of age; taught two years, then studied medicine, going to the Ohio Medical College of Columbus, Ohio. Graduating from that famous college in the year 1876, he came to this place the same year, since which time he has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine. It is not necessary for us to speak at any great length of this gentleman's standing in this city. We will simply drop the remark that he has as good a practice as onyone in the city, and his time is fully taken up. He is one of the city's most enterprising and solid citizens.

W. A. Hanlin, Homeopathic Physician, Office, Second St. Middleport, Ohio.

DOCTOR HANLIN, who has for so many years been recognized among our successful and accomplished resident physicians, is a native of this county, born in 1850. He was educated and graduated from the famous Hahneman Medical College of Chicago, with the highest honors, in 1881, and came back to his native town and began the practice of medicine, and is today recognized as one of the leading physicians of southern Ohio. He is enjoying a first-class practice and is one of Middleport's most enterprising and influential citizens. We will say that it is with pleasure we make note of such a man when writing of the leading citizens of Middleport.

Dr. W. B. Hodge, Dentist, Mill St.

THE grand achievements in dental surgery, which science and art have exhumed from the limitless provinces always open to the human mind, are doubtless as highly appreciated by the human family as those in any other department. Among those whose accomplishments and skill comprehend the best appliances and methods of operative, mechanical and surgical dentistry we notice especially Dr. W. B.

Hodge, on Mill Street. He is a native of Augusta Co. Va., born in the year 1839, and has been practicing dental surgery at various places throughout Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Kansas and Ohio, for the past twenty-two years. He has been located in this city for the past fifteen years. The Doctor's numerous years of experience gives him skill, so essential to dental surgery, and persons desiring any work in this line cannot put it into better hands. The premises occupied are large and spacious, and fitted up with the best and latest improved appliances known to the art. Also one of the best located rooms in the entire city. Some æsthetic writer says, "It would seem as if bad teeth must necessarily destroy all sentimental relations." Be this as it may, the beauty and benefit of good teeth should be apparent to both old and young, and good dental services better appreciated. To say nothing of comfort and health, see what a part the teeth play in social intercourse, singing, laughing, friendly greetings, ever displaying beauty or deformity, imparting fragrance or fetor.

W. M. Hartinger, Druggist, Second Street, Middleport, O.

ONE of the neatest and most attractive drug stores in the city of Middleport, is that of the courteous gentleman whose name heads this

sketch. He occupies a neat and conveniently arranged room on Second Street, 25x60 feet in dimensions. He carries a large and varied stock of drugs, chemicals and medicines, surgical instruments and appliance of the finest quality, toilet and fancy articles, perfumery, and such goods as are usually found in stores of this character. Mr. Hartinger is a native of this county, born on a farm in Rutland township in 1838. He was educated and taught school in his younger days, and was one of the noble men to respond to the President's call to go fight for his country. He enlisted in Co. D, 92 Regiment, O. V. I., August, 1862, and was honorably discharged June, 1865. He bore the reputation of being one of the best soldiers that ever shouldered a musket. He was among the fortunate ones who went through many hard fought battles with out injury. Our advise to the citizens of Middleport and vicinity is to call and see Mr. Hartinger and see if we are not right.

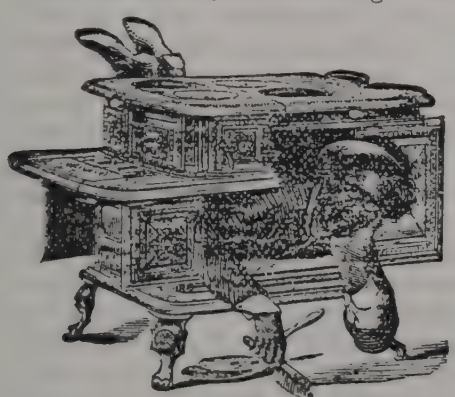
Ira Hulbert, Photograph Gallery Coal Street.

FEW departments of science or art have contributed more ending pleasure to mankind than that now recognized under the general name of photography, which comprehends the result of mechanical appliances, chemical knowledge and artistic attainments. Since its inception, over a half century ago, it has taken those progressive steps which have given it a high position among the arts and secured results applicable to the wants af the present age. Among those who bring into requisition the highest practical ability and experience is Mr. Ira Hulbert, who is a native of Steuben, Co., N. Y., where he was born in 1847, and learned the photography business at Point Pleasant, W. Va., and worked at it there a number of years, and located in this city in 1889. He has kept fully abreast of the times and today utilizes the latest

improved methods which science has placed at his hands for the perfecting of his art. His operating rooms and laboratory show the utilization of the latest improved mechanical and chemical appliances for the prompt and efficient execution of all work in this line of art, from card to panel sizes in photographs, and all work is guaranteed. Prices as low as consistent with the work.

S. M. Hysell, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, Second Street, Middleport, Ohio.

ONE of the largest and most successful hardware and agricultural implement stores in Southern Ohio is that of Mr. S. M. Hysell, who is a native of this place, born in 1837, and established his business here in 1863. The premises occupied is a large two



story brick, 50x103 feet in dimensions, and he employs four assistants, and it requires every foot of space to accommodate his large and choice stock, one of the largest and best selected in Southern Ohio, embracing builders' and shelf hardware, blacksmiths', carpenters', mechanics' and machinists' tools, table and pocket cutlery, iron and steel bars, paints, oils, lime cement, doors, sash, blinds, glass, putty, and white lead. He is also manufacturer and contractor of sheet iron and tin roofing, wagon material, etc. He also carries a large line of all kinds of tinware. Stoves of all kinds, Leader, Lexington, Bell, Sunshine, Pine Grove, and all kinds of gasoline stoves, New Process the best in the world, and brass grate fire fronts, mantel fronts, both slate and woodenware. Mr. Hysell has exclusive agency of Meigs Co. Ohio, and Mason Co., West Virginia, for Walter A. Wood machines. The low down single canvass twine binder, the best in the world, and mowing machines. He also keeps all kinds of agriculture implements, Syracuse plow, the best in the world, walking and riding cultivators, latest improved hay rakes, tedders, corn planters, drills, etc. He has also the exclusive agency for Meigs, Gallia, Athens, and Mason counties, W. Virginia, for the Eclipse grain and seed separator and grader, the finest in the world for cleaning seed wheat and market wheat, and separating clover seed from timothy seed. He also handles the Diamond Soluble Reliance and Bone meal fertilizer, second to none. Mr. Hysell is also agent for the Combination Water heater, Cabinet folding bath tub, the newest cheapest and latest thing out in bath tubs. No bath room needed, an ornament to any room; a child can operate it; you can use oil, gasoline or natural gas; heats twenty gallons of water in twenty-five minutes; the great expense of putting in heating boilers with ranges or furnaces with cold and hot water pipes done away with. The facilities of this establishment in every department of the business are unexcelled, and it has been a strict rule with the proprietor to sell everything without a mistatement, and as he is so well known and highly esteemed by the public at large, it is useless for us to add any further commendation.

L. W. Johnson, Grocer.

LOCATED on Mulberry street we found a neat little grocery store, where is carried a line of choice groceries, tobaccos and cigars. One year ago Mr. Johnson first engaged in this business and has built up a good bus-

iness among down town citizens. He can compete both in quality and prices with any of the larger concerns of the city. He also carries a neat line of notions and hosiery. Down town citizens will find his place a first class one to establish business relations with. He is a native of Mason Co., W. Va., and has been a resident of this city eighteen years.

Edward Lark, Harness, Collar and Belt Factory, Second Street, Middleport, Ohio.

THE gentleman's name which heads this sketch is well worthy an extended notice in this business review. Mr. Lark is a native of England and came to this country thirty years ago, locating in the State of Tennessee, where he was engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business. He went to Cincinnati in 1864, and commenced learning the harness business, and came here and opened up business for himself in 1869, and has been in business ever since. He today enjoys a trade second to none in Southern Ohio. He manufactures all kinds of harness and collars and makes a special effort to supply the smaller dealers at wholesale all kinds of goods pertaining to this business. He carries a big line of belting, lace leather, rivets and burs, leather and shoe findings. To the harness and shoe maker we will say you will always find anything you need in your line at Mr. Lark's, as cheap as any other place in the country. Farmers, you will find it to your interest to call and see him

when you want anything in harness, collars, saddles, etc. Mr. Lark has in the adjoining room to his wholesale and retail harness store a bazaar, which is operated by his wife, one of the most business like ladies we ever met. This stock consists of dry goods, notions, groceries, queensware, and five and ten cent goods of a variety that cannot be excelled by any store of the kind in the county, making one of the most complete and novel stores we ever had the pleasure of visiting, where you will always find them ready to sell you anything in their line at bottom prices. All we will ask of the people of Meigs and Gallia counties is to give these worthy establishments a call and see if our picture is overdrawn.

Samuel Lewis, Barber and Hair Dresser, Second Street.

NONE of our professional and business pursuits have proven more essential in aiding the art of dress of today than that of the tonsorial artist. Among the more prominent artists engaged in this line, we notice Mr. Lewis, whose reputation as a neat and skillful workman has won favor for him among his many patrons. His parlor is located on Second street, and anyone wanting a nice, clean and easy shave, hair cut or anything pertaining to this branch will find that he is the man they are looking for. Mr. Lewis is a native of West Virginia, and was born in 1855, and has been a barber 21 years. He occupies a nice room, 20x40 feet in dimensions and employs two assistants.

P. H. McCracken, Sample, Pool and Lunch Room, Second St., Middleport, O.

AS one of the neatest and most popular sample rooms in the city, we are pleased to notice that conducted by Mr. P. H. McCracken, and located on north side of second street, the room occupied is 25x50 feet in dimensions and is well fitted, having the incandscent electric light, and a pool table for the lovers of that game. The bar fixtures are of the most modern

design, being of cherry wood and the side board of the same, French plate mirrors, and a first class lunch counter for the hungry. Mr. McCracken, the genial proprietor of this resort was born and raised in Pennsylvania, his first business was that of the lumber business in Michigan, afterwards moving to St. Albans, W. Va. and starting a first class livery and sale stable, and last February retired from that business and came to Middleport, and on March first opened the handsome place he now runs. Mr. McCracken was one of the noble men of this country who responded to the President's call and enlisted and went to fight for his country. He enlisted in CompanyK.50th reg. P. V. I. June, 1861, and was discharged July, 1865. He was one of the fortunate ones to get through the many battles without injury. Call and see him and you will find him always ready to supply you with anythin to be found in a first class sample room.

Adam McLain, The Popular Third St., Grocer

TWENTY-SEVEN years ago this enterprise had its inception in a very small way, and through all these years of contraction and inflation, panics and prosperous times has kept steadily on, and is still among the enterprising and reliable grocery houses of the city. Mr. McLain carries a full line of groceries and provisions including choice green and roasted coffees, fine sugars, and spices, teas, canned and bottled goods, provisions, fresh country produce, and a full line of grocers' sundries, in great variety, fruit and vegetables in season, and in fact you can find the cream of everything that goes to make up the home and table supplies. On this line of trade the civilized race depends for their existance, and at no store in the city can cheaper or better goods be found. Mr. Adam McLain is a Scotchman by birth, born in 1826, and has been a resident of America forty three years. On coming to America he engaged in the mining business and followed that for seventeen years. Getting injured in the mines he engaged in his present enterprise, and through energy, perseverance, and ever mindful of his customers' best interests, has made a success of the business, and is the owner of his own business room and considerable property in the city. He is a shrewd buyer, and large sales at small profits is the secret of his success.

D. C. McCracken, Tonsorial Artist, Mill St.

IN walking down Mill St., the writer called at the tonsorial parlors of Mr. D. C. McCracken, a Scoth-Irishman by descent,but born in this country in the Keystone State in the year 1849. He, as is the case with most persons, has lived at various places during his life, coming from Maplewood, Shelby County, O., to this city about three years ago. He embarked in his present line, which he has followed in all ten years. His is one of the finest parlors in the city and the trade second to none, utilizing two chairs and has his full share of the city's trade. He was also one of the "boys in blue",volunteering at the age of sixteen years, in Co. E. 188th Ohio. Feb. 21, 1865 and was mustered out Sept. 23, 1865. For a nice clean shave or anything pertaining to the art there is no better place in the city to call.

Meigs County Republican, J. W. Dumble, Ed. and Prop'r.

MEIGS COUNTY REPUBLICAN is the title of a sprightly and influential weekly published here by Mr. J. W. Dumble. It is a 36x39 four page eight column sheet, devoted to the interests of the Republican party, issued on Wednesdays. It was first issued by D. D. W. Davis, on Wednesday Nov. 1, 1865, and was then called the Middleport Weekly Gazette. Since that time it has changed hands several times, coming into the hands of the present editor and proprietor March

15, 1876, and has by him been issued ever since. The paper in all of its issues is devoted to general intelligence, local and general news and to the interests of Meigs county and the city of Middleport. The mechanical department embraces newest appliances in presses, types, etc., and enjoys ample facilities for the prompt and efficient execution of every description of legal, commercial and job printing. Mr. Dumble is a native of Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. In the year 1839, he went to Marion, O., at the age of nine years, and it was there he learned his trade. Subsequently he issued the Marion Independent for three years, and then went to Ironton and was foreman and local writer of the Ironton Register from 1857 to 1864. He then went to Marietta and was a partner in the Marietta Register from 1864 to 1876. He then came to Middleport and took charge of the Meigs County Republican which he has issued ever since.

Griff Michael, Dry Goods, Notions, and General Store, Corner Second and Walnut Sts., Middleport, O.

THIS is an old and established house, having its inception a number of years ago. The proprietor, Mr. Michael, was born in Wales, but came to this country when but four years of age, with his parents and located here in Middleport in the year 1848, and has been a resident of this place for thirty-three years, nearly all of which time he has been engaged in important business enterprises. The room occupied by this store is one of two elegant store rooms 65x25 feet, in a corner building, two stories in height owned by Mr. Michael. He has a corps of clerks as is required by the different departments. This store is a prominent one and enjoys a large, steady and reliable trade. The stock embraces an unrivalled assortment of foreign and domestic, fancy and staple dry goods, comprising all that is late, new, stylish and modern in dress fabrics, from the muslin and plain gingham prints, calicos, domestic cotton goods, flannels, etc., up to the more beautiful and costly silks, cashimers, cloths, satins and velvets; notions and an almost endless variety of goods, novel, staple and fancy, inseparable in the make up of a first-class dry goods house. To the trade the house presents attractions and inducements worthy of special recognition, in prices, variety and quality of goods. The house offers inducements that will compare favorably with leading metropolitan establishments. You will also find a large and handsome line of carpets, rugs, etc. As a leading dry goods house the establishment of Griff Michael is specially prominent.

J. E. Meloy, Wholesale Manufacturer of Stogies and Cigars, Middleport, O.

OF all the different enterprises that Middleport now enjoys, the manufacturing interests are most prominent. We must speak of the cigar factory just added to the town. Mr. J. E. Meloy, the proprietor, was born in Washington County, Pa., in the year 1864. He opened his factory in Middleport April 15th, 1891. Having been in business in Hockingport, Athens County, O., he found that on account of his increasing trade he would have to go to some other city to better his shipping facilities. He has a large and commodious room here and has it stocked full of choice stogies and cigars. He makes as specialties the Buckeye and May Blossom stogies and the Keystone cigar. To the merchants and dealers of Meigs and Gallia counties, we ask you to give Mr. Meloy a trial order, and we are satisfied he will then get your trade, as the goods he manufactures are second to none in the country. Remember the name, J. E. Meloy, Second Street, near the corner of Walnut, Middleport, O.

Middleport National Bank, Bank Building, Cor. Second and Coal Streets.

AMONG the solid institutions of this county and State, the Middleport National Bank, maintains a position of undoubted consideration. The bank was established and chartered according to National Banking Laws, since which time its operations have been marked by that conservative, yet liberal policy, which has secured the highest public confidence. This institution embraces among its list of depositors and certificate holders, many of our best citizens and business men, as well as farmers and capitalists of various sections of the surrounding country. It does a general banking business in the purchase of reliable commercial paper, in loans, discounts, collections, deposits and exchange, with correspondents in principal metropolitan cities. It is officered as follows: F. C. Russell, Pres.; R. D. McManigal, Vice Pres.; E. C. Fox, Cashier. Directors: S. M. Hysell, F. C. Russell, R. D. McManigal, E. C. Fox, A. S. Kerr. The capital stock is $50.000. The bank is centrally located, and nicely furnished, and all the gentlemen connected with it are men with whom it is a pleasure to do business.

Middleport Marble Works, Val. Drummond, Prop.

THE veneration and esteem which leads to a desire to mark the last resting place of departed friends and loved ones with a suitable stone or monument, has developed a high artistic skill in sculptured art, and in original and beautiful designs, and made our cemeteries ornaments to all communities, and places of reverent resort and attraction. As dealers in foreign and American marble and granite, and as designers and artists in this department, the Middleport Marble Works have exhibited that skill and perfection which justify the most liberal consideration. These works were established by Mr. G. W. Wolf, some ten or twelve years since, who continued the business until joined by Mr. Val. Drummond, the present proprietor, some four years ago. They continued the business for two years, when Mr. Drummond became sole proprietor, and it is here we find him today. Mr. Drummond is a native of Virginia, born in the year 1858, and has resided in Middleport since 1880. His is among the best monumental works in southern Ohio, exhibiting the loveliest designs, the most artistic workmanship, and the very lowest prices. All kinds of cemetery work is done, and if you desire anything in his line you can not call on a better firm.

F. B. Murphy, Grocer, Cor. Second and High Streets.

MR. MURPHY, the subject of our sketch, is a native of the city, born in 1859. He first learned the trade of machinist and followed that trade up to six years ago, when he engaged in the grocery trade. He is nicely located on Second street, and occupies a neat little room 15x30 feet, and has a dwelling attached. He carries in stock a full line of the choicest family groceries, provisions, flour, and all articles pertaining to a first-class grocery store. Also a full line of glassware and queensware is kept for the accommodation of his many customers. This business, from a very small beginning, has been steadily on the increase and he will soon have to enlarge his business to accommodate his many customers. Mr. Murphy is a thoroughly reliable business man, and enjoys intimate relations with prominent wholesale houses, and buying for cash enables

him to offer the best inducements to all his customers. The low prices that prevail in all departments have secured him an extensive trade in the city and country.

The "New Era" Restaurant and Sample Room, Mrs. W. M. McMaster, Proprietress, John McMaster, Manager.

IN passing along Second street the observer notices just below Coal street the "New Era" restaurant and sample room, one of the most complete in the entire city. Here is the resort of many of the best citizens of Middleport, and is one of the most quiet and orderly places in the city, at all times. A restaurant is conducted in connection, where may be obtained a first class lunch or meal. The bar is fully stocked with those choice liquors and beverages found only in first class places. Mr. McMaster, the manager, is a native of this city, and is one of those "hale fellows well met" always ready to give a stranger an audience. When you wish a good article in any kind of a drink, remember the "New Era" is among the finest.

W. B. Pennington, Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries, Middleport, Ohio.

ESPECIALLY prominent among the leading mercantile business houses of this city we notice the neat and well stocked establishment of W. B. Pennington. The building occupied has a frontage on Third street of 18 feet and extends back 45 feet, with warerooms in the rear. The stock carried embraces, dry goods, notions, groceries, provisions, etc. In the dry goods department will be found dress fabrics in latest styles and patterns, from both American and foreign looms, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, domestic goods for home and personal use. In the grocery department is to be found a well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, bottled and canned goods, provisions and fresh country produce, grocers' sundries generally, with supplies complete for the home and table. Mr. Pennington is a native of Indiana, born in 1815, and came to Meigs county forty-nine years ago, and has resided in this city forty years. He engaged in the boating business and followed that line of trade on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers several years. In 1865 he quit the river trade and engaged in the mercantile business. During the panic of '73, when every business in Middleport with the exception of two went to the wall, he was one that stood the storm; though sustaining severe losses he came through all right. Mr. Pennington enjoys the respect of all who know him, and the honorable business methods that have always characterized the transactions of the house, have secured the firm a large and lucrative trade extending over a wide scope of surrounding country.

L. A. Pfirrman, Proprietor Sample Room and Lunch Counter.

MR. PFIRRMAN, one of Middleport's live business men, June 20 1890, located his present business here on Third Street, and has demonstrated his ability to keep a first-class and orderly establishment. His bar and room are fitted up in first-class style. He also serves soft drinks, such as lager beer, ale, porter, etc. Also carries a full line of tobacco and cigars, and makes a specialty of a first-class lunch counter, where lunch is furnished at all hours. He has just put in a fine refrigerator, where he keeps his beer fresh and cool. When in need of anything in this line call and see if we know whereof we write.

J. E. Powell, Bakery and Confectionery, Mill St.

NEXT to the miller comes the reliable baker, who takes the pulverized cereal, and by his skill converts

it into a thousand and one tempting forms so essential to the table, and the value of a first-class bakery to a city cannot be over-estimated. An institution of this magnitude is that of Mr. J. E. Powell, on Mill Street. Mr. Powell is a native of this city, and has been in his present line in Middleport for the past two years. Few people

have any adequate conception of the importance of this branch of industry. The farmer, when he needs a plow to plow his fields, does not go to his work bench and make it himself, but goes to some reliable dealer and buys the same, because he can get a much better article than he could construct, and it brings better results in the end. This applies with marked force and equally the same to the baker's products. The baker is fully equipped for uniform and even baking, having an oven so constructed as to uniformly hold heat, and thus turn out a wholesome article. The wise and judicious housewife at this day and date uses the baker's products because she has learned that no stove will uniformly bake; it requires an oven, and besides the expense all counted is not nearly so great and the article much more wholesome. The leading bakery of this city is that on Mill Street, owned and operated by Mr. J. E. Powell. His is simply one of the finest bakeries on the river in this section of the country, and any one will find his products second to none in every instance. He also keeps a fine line of confectionery, canned and bottled goods, foreign and domestic fruits, etc., and is recognized as the leader in Middleport.

W. B. Probst & Son, Dealer in all Kinds of Furniture, No. 15 Second Street, Middleport, Ohio.

THE advance steps of manufacture and civilization are in no department more marked than in this branch of trade, within the past century. American genius and enterprise have secured improved machinery for the rapid manufacture of the most beautiful designs and has resulted in placing within the reach of all economical

households neat, and even elegant, useful and ornamental articles in this line. Mr. Probst, who has been actively engaged in this business here, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1828, and located and commenced business here in 1852. As an indication of the facilities he enjoys in this business, we notice that they occupy two stories of a large building 20x78 feet in dimensions, besides wareroom in the rear. They carry in stock a comprehensive variety of common, medium, and finest designs of household and cabinet furniture in large variety, including fine upholstered and marble top goods, parlor, chamber and dining room suits, spring beds and mattresses, picture frames, mirrors, etc. On the opening of the war of the rebellion, Mr. Probst responded to the call, and enlisted in the 4th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, and enrolled as a first-class musician, in which he served with credit to himself and honor to the nation. Mr. Probst is ably assisted by his son Earl, who is partner in the business, and anyone wishing anything in this line will do well to call and see them.

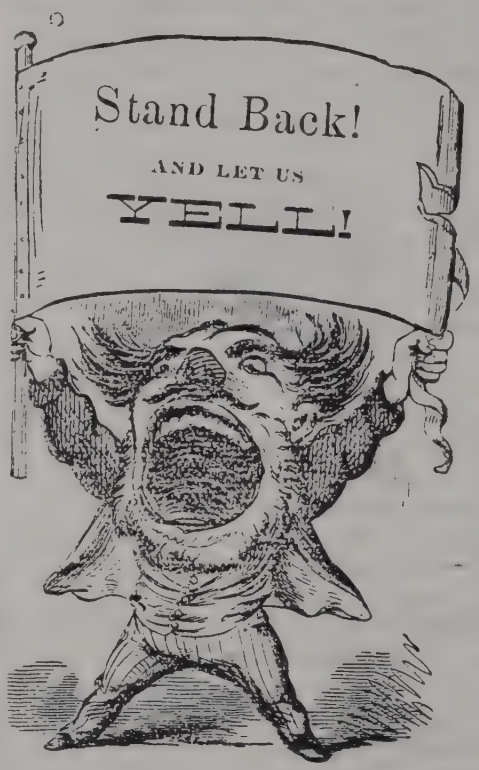
Henry Rayford, Tonsorial Artist, Mill Street.

ONE of the most popular tonsorial parlors of this place is that of Mr. Henry Rayford, who is a native of Virginia, born in 1838, and located in Middleport in 1866. He has been in his present business twenty-five years in this city. Mr. Rayford is among the most popular of our Tonsorial artists, and among his patrons are found many of the best and most fashionable citizens of the city. He makes a specialty of shampooing and dressing ladies' and children's hair. He runs four chairs and employs none but the most skilled assistants. He has in connection a finely fitted up bath room, the only one in the city, and anyone needing anything done will do well to call and see Henry.

G. J. Rice, Dealer in Wines, Liquors, Cigars, Tobacco, Etc.

AS one among the neatest and most popular sample rooms in the city, we notice that conducted by Mr. G. J. Rice, who is a native of Middleport, where he first saw the light of day in 1845, and has been in business seven years. He occupies a fine business room, 20x45 feet in dimensions, and furnished inside with the necessary equipments for a room of this kind, including cherry bar and side board, decorated with a large French plate mirror and a fine cherry refrigerator. His stock consists of all the finest brands of liquors, foreign and domestic wines, ale, gin, beer, and all popular soft drinks; also handles Cincinnati bottled beer, foreign and domestic cigars, tobaccos, etc. He has also in connection a lunch counter for the hungry and a pool table for the lovers of the cue, and employs two assistants in his business. When the war of the rebellion broke out Mr. Rice responded to the call and enlisted on the 25th of September, 1861, in Co. K, 18th, O. V. I., and was discharged Nov. 9th, 1864, and did credit to himself and honor to the nation.

R. F. Reeves, General Passenger and Baggage Transfer, Middleport, Ohio.



WITHOUT a short sketch of R. F. Reeves, the well known and popular hackman, the history of this city would be incomplete. He is a native of this county, and was born in the year 1857. He has a number of hacks, the finest in the county, and a number of transfer wagons and he makes a specialty of meeting all trains. Persons desiring to be conveyed to either one of the towns or depots, can leave orders at any of the hotels or ticket offices, and will be promptly attended. Besides conveying passengers and baggage to and from depots and hotels, his fine hacks can be hired for funerals. Mr. Reeves also delivers all express goods for the United States and Adams Express Companies. He is considered one of Meigs County's best and most respected citizens, and has an unbounded acquaintance in this

and adjoining counties. He was engaged in running hack and carrying the United States Mail in this and other counties for a number of years before starting the first-class transfer line he now operates. All we ask is to give Mr. Reeves a trial and you will find him and his number of assistants, courteous and accommodating gentlemen, always ready to furnish you with any information or accommodation you may ask. We will say in conclusion of this worthy notice, to try him and see if our picture has been overdrawn.

Mrs. J. A. Rumsey, Millinery, Second St.

TO the millinery trade, this house has for the past twenty-five years demonstrated its ability to compete with any similar establishment in the State, or in our Eastern cities. The premises occupied embrace a fine business room, 20x50 feet in dimensions, while the stock carried comprises newest styles in pattern hats and bonnets for Ladies and Misses. Flowers. Feathers. Plumes. Ornaments and Trimmings. Ladies' furnishing goods, fancy work material, notions, etc., while a leading specialty is made of trimmed hats, and kid gloves. Mrs. Rumsey is widely and favorably known in town and country, and the style and general good taste displayed in the trimming department have given her a large business. She is in receipt of newest forms and fashions in trimmings as rapidly as they make their appearance in our eastern cities. Mrs. Rumsey has three assistants and any body in need of the above articles will do well to call and see her.

William T. Saul, Proprietor of Farmers' Dining Room and Sample and Pool Room, Middleport, O.

NOTHING in the world will a person grumble more about than a poor meal, or praise more than a good one. The old saying, "you touch a man's pocket book and you touch his heart," ought to be changed thus "you tickle a man's palate and you have his everlasting friendship". There is no better chance to gain friends than by keeping a first-class restaurant, where a person can get good wholesome food at a small outlay. One of the best dining rooms in this part of the State is that conducted by William T. Saul, on Walnut street, this city. He has been in the business for twenty-seven years, and during his business career he has built up a reputation for catering to the tastes of the citizens of Middleport and vicinity second to none. He has a sample room in connection with his dining room, where every kind of drink, from champaign to beer and soft drink can be procured. He carries a full line of tobacco and cigars, and also has a pool table for the accommodation of lovers of that sport. Mr. Saul is a native of Ireland, but came to this country with his parents and settled in Middleport when he was fourteen years old, and has been a citizen of this place ever since. He is forty-nine years of age and is one of the most respected citizens in Meigs county. Any one wanting a good square meal or a good first class drink of pure liquor will find both at Mr. Saul's. You will always find him on hand and ready to wait on you. His daughter owns the handsome building he occupies, being two stories high, where they have a number of neatly furnished rooms for the accomodation of the traveling public. We say to all, come and see for yourselves that what we have said is true.

Insurance Agency, Clarence D. Sanborn, Office on Mill St., Middleport, Ohio.

THERE is, perhaps, no principle associated with business life which holds a higher importance than that of insurance against a possible loss from disaster or fire, and the business man or property holder who neglects to avail himself of advantages offered

by some reliable fiduciary institution of this class is of all men most improvident and unwise. Among those who offer the highest practical advantages in general insurance in this city is that of Mr. Clarence D. Sanborn, on Mill St. Mr. Sanborn is a native of Burlingham, this county, and has been in business in this city since Oct. 1890. He represents all kinds of insurance, from some of the most reliable companies of the Union. In life insurance he represents the North Western Mutual of Milwaukee, Wis., one of the best life companies in existance, its policies being secured on all the leading and approved plans. In accident, the Mutual Life Insurance Company, the accident department, and the American Accident, the Fidelity and Casuality Company of New York. Also Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass, etc. He does business in all parts of the country, and makes a specialty of farm property. Any one desiring insurance will find his one of the best agencies in the country, and his companies the most reliable.

Richard Schwartz, Meat Market, Locust St., Middleport, O.

AMONG the industrial operations associated with the thriving town of Middleport, there are none whose operations are of a more interesting character than such as relate to home and table supplies. The leading establishment in this city devoted to supplying our citizens with fresh meat is that of Mr. R. Schwartz. He is a native of Germany, but came to this

country when a mere boy, and located in Vanceburg, Ky., and was recognized as one of their best business men for a number of years. He came to Middleport in April, 1891, and opened a meat market, and the good quality of meats and the gentlemanly way he waits on his customers has gained for him as good a trade as anyone in the city. He keeps a choice stock of beef, veal, mutton and pork, and you will always find choice cuts on hand. He runs a wagon to deliver your meats, and we would ask the citizens of Middleport and vicinity to give Mr. Schwartz a visit and see if what we have said is just right.

St. James Hotel, Mrs. A. Leach, Proprietress, Front St., Middleport, Ohio.

THE St. James Hotel of this city, situated on Front Street, is one of the most popular hotels of this section of Meigs county. Mrs. Leach, the proprietress, is a native of Maryland, born near Cumberland. She has been a resident of this state for a number of years. Her husband died four years ago, which threw the responsibility of running the hotel on her. She then took charge and has run it successfully ever since. She keeps a neat and nicely furnished house, where anyone can find any number of first-class furnished rooms, and the table is second to none. Mrs. Leach is a full cousin to the great and noble Gen. Custer, of which any citizen might be proud. All we ask is that the people give Mrs. Leach a call and they will say that the meals she furnishes are second to none.

Col. T. D. Scott, Miner and Dealer in Coal, Mill St. Extension, Middleport, Ohio.

WHEN writing of Middleport's business men this work would not be complete without mentioning the gentleman's name and business which heads this sketch. Mr. Scott operates a mine that supplies the domestic trade. He finds a market here in Middleport for all he produces, and being an operator of long years of ex-

perience, he enjoys a large business. Mr. Scott is recognized as one of Middleport's most enterprising and respected citizens, and all who meet the Colonel will find him a good social and first-class fellow.

W. H. Skinner, Dealer in Dry Goods Notions, Groceries and Etc., Cor. Second and Mill Streets, Middleport, Ohio.

THE commercial history of Middleport discloses no business house which can advance so many claims to public notice and favor as the one whose name heads this article, occupying as it does to-day one of the most conspicuous positions among the best and strongest establishments in any branch of trade in this town, not only on account of the large amount of business and far-reaching influence of its transactions, but its honorable record through nearly all of the town's history. Mr. Skinner was born in Franklin county in the year 1841, but came to this county with his parents when quite young, and has been a constant resident of the county ever since, with the exception of the time when he responded to the president's call and took up arms in his country's defense He enlisted in Co. K, 7th Regiment, Ohio Cavalry, Sept. 12th, 1862, and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant, July 3d, 1865. He was among the fortunate ones that went through many hard battles without receiving any wounds. He came to this place after the war, and has been recognized as one of Middleport's most enterprising business men ever since. The stock of goods he carries consists of a first-class stock of dry goods, notions, groceries, etc., and Mr. Skinner is always ready to sell you goods as cheap, if not cheaper, than any other merchant in Southern Ohio. All we ask the citizens of Middleport, Meigs and Gallia counties is to call and see if what we have said about this enterprising business is correctly written.

John Steel, Horse Shoer and Blacksmith.

AMONG the expert workers in iron and steel in this city is Mr. John Steel. He is a practical workman in this branch of mechanical industry, competent to meet all requirements in general blacksmithing and horse shoeing. He has had five years' experience in his chosen profession and has a well equipped shop. He is patronized by turfmen, farmers, and all owners of valuable horses. He learned his trade in Athens, Ohio. He is a native of Meigs Co., born in 1861. Mr. Steele gives especial attention to horse shoeing and has made this business a study and can shoe a horse so as to prevent the hoof contracting, toeing in or interfering. He gives special attention to all kinds of repairing, which he does neatly and guarantees all work satisfactory.

R. C. Stewart, Meat Market, Mill Street, Middleport, Ohio.

WHEN writing of the business men of Middleport, it is with pleasure we notice the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Mr. Stewart is a native of this place. He was one of the noble men who responded to the president's call and took up arms to fight for his country. He enlisted in Company H 14th Regiment, May 1864, and was honorably discharged, Sept., 1864. He bore the reputation of being as good a soldier as ever shouldered a gun. He returned to this place, and has been in the meat business ever since, and on the 1st of May 1891, he rented one of the two rooms built by Wm. Parks, and opened one of the finest meat markets in Southern Ohio. He has one of the latest improved refrigerators for meat in the warm season. You can always find on hand the choicest cuts of beef, veal, pork and mutton, smoked and salt meats. We will say to the citizens of Middleport, you will find Mr. Stewart one of Middleport's best butchers and respected citizens.

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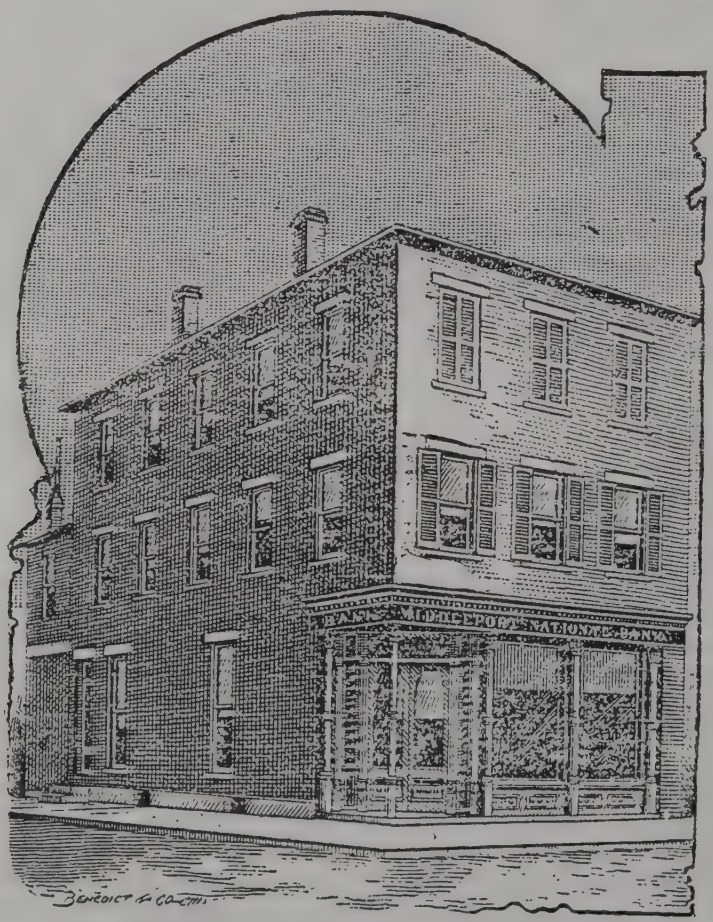

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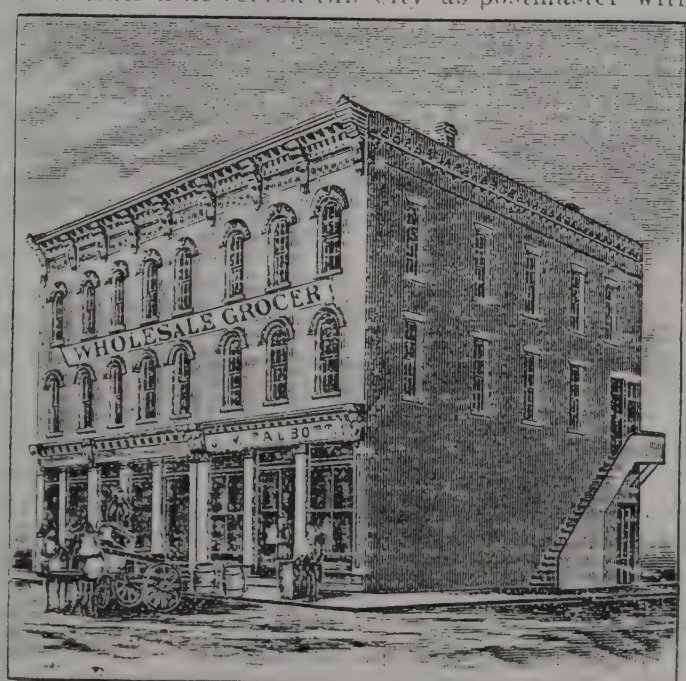
Story & Sanborn, Jewelers, Mill St.

THIS is one among the most popular houses of its kind in the city of Middleport. The individual members of this firm are S. S. Story and B. H. Sanborn, both natives of Meigs county.. They occupy a nice and conveniently arranged room, where they carry a complete line of clocks, watches, diamonds, and precious stone settings; engravings, mountings, and general repair work a specialty. They also have spectacles and can suit the old, young and middle-aged. Their honorable business methods have secured for them a large and increasing trade. Anyone needing anything in this line will do well to call and see them.

J. W. Talbott, Wholesale Grocer, Corner Second and Rutland Streets.

IN order to show more fully than has heretofore been done, the active commercial forces and vast resources of our city, Meigs and Gallia counties, this work is issued and especially commended among those establishments whose trade and influence are not confined to either this or Gallia counties. We notice especially the wholesale house of Mr. J. W. Talbott, located on the corner of Second and Rutland streets. Mr. Talbott is a native of Athens county, born in the year 1848, and came to Langsville, this county, twelve years ago and taught in the public schools at that place. His business qualities prompted him to start a general store in that place, and later he was appointed postmaster, during the Grant administration. He was financially successful and came to this city and started a dry goods and grocery store, which he operated very successfully for thirteen years, and during the Cleveland administration he served this city as postmaster with marked ability. He sold out his retail store last July and established the large wholesale establishment which he now operates. The premises comprise two of the finest business rooms in the city, each 75x25 feet in dimensions, and completely stocked with the finest grades of staple and fancy groceries and grocer's sundries, imported and domestic cigars, a full line of plug, fine cut and smoking tobaccos and all smokers' supplies. A full line of canned and bottled goods. The facilities this house enjoys for meeting the requirements of trade are unsurpassed and dealers will find it advantageous to establish business relations with him. To the merchants of Meigs and Gallia counties and W. Va. we would say that Mr. Talbott can furnish goods as cheap, if not cheaper than any other wholesale house on the river. The accompanying cut gives a fair illustration of the exterior building. We ask you to give him a call and see if our picture is overdrawn.

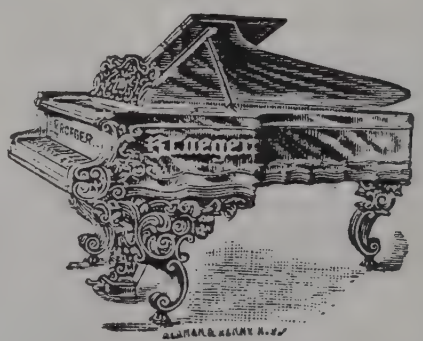


The Herald, L. O. Smith, Editor, F. C. Russell, Proprietor

ONE of the strongest and most influential papers in Meigs county is The Herald, edited by Mr. L. O. Smith. It is a 30x44 sheet, Republican in politics, devoted to news, literature, and the local interests of this part of the State and Meigs county. Its editorials evince a clear conception of subjects treated and its advertising columns show an appreciation of its advantages in this respect by the business men of the place. Its mechanical department embraces newest appliances for the execution of every description of book, commercial and job printing. It is an eight page, six column sheet, with a circulation of 1200. Mr. Smith is a native of Connecticut, and has been connected with the press longer perhaps, than any other person in Meigs county. On the first of February, 1864, he took charge of The Telegraph, then owned by Mr. T. U. White, it being the only paper in the county at that time. Subsequent changes in which Mr. Smith was interested are given under the head of "The Press." Mr. F. C. Russell, the proprietor of the paper, is one of the county's most influential citizens, and is a lawyer by profession. He is also president of the Middleport National Bank. He tends to the duties of his profession and leaves the paper to the care of Mr. Smith.

E. N. Thompson, Restaurant and Confectionery, Second Street, Middleport, Ohio.

THE leading and most influential establishment of its class in this city is that conducted by E. N. Thompson, whose place of business is located on Second Street, near the corner of Walnut. Mr. Thompson is a native of this place, and is twenty-seven years of age. He went in the confectionery business one year ago, and has had a first-class trade ever since. He is assisted by his wife, to whom much of the popularity of the house is due. Mrs. Thompson was for a number of years a saleslady for her father, Mr G. Michael, the veteran dry goods merchant of Middleport, which makes her a first-class assistant for Mr. Thompson, who has fine business qualities, and is making a success in the sale of confectionery, fruits, soft drinks, cigars and tobacco. Mr. Thompson has in connection with his store, an elegantly fitted room for the people, where you will always find ice cream and oysters in season. He controls the trade of Middleport in this line. Give Ed a call and see if we are right.



S. S. Tubbs, Dealer in Sewing Machines and Musical Instruments. Second Street.

AMONG the most reliable dealers in sewing machines and musical instruments is Mr. S. S. Tubbs, who is a native of Meigs county, born in 1841, and located in Middleport in 1856. During the war of the rebellion he enlisted as a member of the 18th Ohio, 75th, 9th Veteran reserve and went to the front, serving with credit to himself and country four years and a half. He occupies a nice business room 18x56 feet in dimensions, and carries the largest stock of leading popular sewing machines, and sewing machine needles, shuttles, parts, oil, etc. in Meigs county, and is able to suit patrons and insure to them the best machine for the purposes desired, for manufacturing or domestic

use, fancy work or fine embroidery, as he deals directly with the manufacturers of these machines, and patrons do not have to pay the cost of middlemen. He is able to give his patrons the most favorable terms, and can offer special inducements in low prices, while he guarantees each and every machine sold to be as represented. He also carries pianos, the Emerson manufactured in Boston, and the Bush and Gerts, and all kinds of organs. Any person who contemplates the purchase of a sewing machine, piano, or organ will certainly advance their own interest by calling on this firm before making a purchase.

Walnut St. House, Geo. Womeldorff Prop., Cor. Second and Walnut Streets.

DURING the past twelve years this popular and most efficiently conducted house has been under the control of its present management, Mr. Womeldorff, who is a native of this State, born in 1824. He has a keene conception of the business and enjoys a most liberal patronage from transient as well as regular boarders. The house is nicely furnished and neatly garnished throughout, and the sleeping apartments are most scrupulously clean, and no one could desire to sit down to a better or more bountifully supplied table than is to be found at the Walnut Street House. The building occupied is a large two story brick 50x113 feet in dimensions, and has the best sample rooms in the city. Mr. Womeldorff employs seven assistants. The rates to transient guests are but one dollar and fifty cents per day, while reduced rates are given to regular boarders. Board can be had by the day, week or meal.

Geo. Womeldorff, Livery, Feed and Sale Stable, Walnut Street.

CONTRIBUTING to the comfort, convenience and pleasure of every community is that branch of mercantile pursuits, known as the livery and feed business. In this line we notice Geo. Womeldorff's livery, feed and sale stables, which for the past seven years have been the leading establishments of the kind in this city, and which are entitled to the most liberal consideration in this review of the prominent industries of Middleport. The premises occupied are 35x75 feet in dimensions, two stories high. At present Mr. Womeldorff has eight choice roadsters on hand for livery purposes, and is prepared at any time to furnish first-class single or double rigs for pleasure, driving, parties or funerals, etc. Commercial travelers desiring to be transferred to any of the surrounding towns, can be accommodated with first-class baggage wagons and drivers, and the outfit of these stables will be found to be second to none in the country. Boarding for horses can be secured at all times at reasonable rates. Mr. Womeldorff is a native of meigs Co., born in 1863.

H. W. Webb, Proprietor Middleport Saw and Planing Mill Company, 381 Second St.

THE superior advantages possessed by Middleport as a manufacturing and distributing center are well attested by the location in the city of many establishments whose manufactures find a market far from home, and which could not be successfully

conducted unless favorable freight rates could be obtained. A fitting illustration of this fact may be found in the successful working house of H. W. Webb, whose office and planing mill is located at 381 Second street. The business was established in 1862 by S. D. Webb, father of the present proprietor. During the years 1883 to 1889 Mr. S. D. Webb served as County Commissioner. During these years the affairs of the county were economically administered, with a view to the best interests of the people at large. During these years the entire control of the business of this house devolved upon Mr. H. W. Webb, though only fourteen years old. February 2nd, 1891, Mr. S. D. Webb retired from the business and H. W. Webb became sole proprietor. The yards and mills cover an area of eight lots. The mills are spacious and commodious and are equipped with all the modern wood working machinery, tools and appliances known to the trade. Fifteen experienced workmen are employed and the machinery is operated by a superior sixty-horse power engine. Mr. H. W. Webb does all kinds of planing, matching, mouldings, brackets, etc., handles large quantities of doors, sash, blinds, etc., and does every description of work in hard wood or pine. He also handles extensively pine, spruce and hemlock lumber, building timber of all kinds, shingles, lath, pickets, posts, and other specialties connected with the trade. He makes a specialty of shingles and lath in wholesale lots and is prepared to supply dealers or large contractors with this line in car lots. He is also extensively engaged in contracting and building. He will contract and complete a building of any kind from a barn to the finest private residence or public building; dig the cellar, put in the foundation, erect buildings, paint and plaster, all complete, on the most reasonable terms. Mr. Webb is a native of Middleport, born in 1871. Though young he is thoroughly familiar with all the details of this business, and for one of his years brings into requisition rare executive abilities. He is highly honored and respected both in business and social circles, and may well be ranked among the prominent young business men of the county.

J. W. Wells & Son, Agricultural Implements, Cor. Second and Mill Sts., Middleport, Ohio.

REPRESENTING an industry of vital importance to residents of rural districts, Messrs. J. W. Wells & Son's establishment and trade interests become of the utmost importance to communities like this and is entitled to more than brief notice at the hands of the reviewer. Mr. J. W. Wells has been in this business for the past fifteen years and during that time has done one of the largest businesses of any house of the kind in southern Ohio. His son was in business with him a number of years ago but retired to follow other pursuits, but one year ago returned to this business. It is said of this firm that they have sold more goods in the past year than any other firm in this or Gallia county. Their sales amounting in the aggregate to an enormous number. They represent the well known Deering binder, reaper and mower, of Chicago, and in these specialties they have in stock or will obtain on short notice anything pertaining to the wants of the agriculturist. They represent the best makes of stationery and farm engines, saw mills, threshers, clover hullers, cultivators, riding or walking plows, drills, horse rakes and forks, stackers, harrows, etc., also repairs for the same. They are also agents for all the best buggy and cart companies, among them them the factories of Columbus and Cincinnati; also the best wagon makers, representing a full line of carriages, buggies, surreys, phaetons, carts, spring and farm wagons; also agents for the best fertilizers in the country. To the farmers and citizens of Meigs and Gallia counties we would say that the enterpris-

ing firm of J. W. Wells & Son is the leader in this line. They are agents for the best road machine in the world, known as the American Road Machine, of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Call and see this popular firm, dear reader, and see if what we have said is true.

Wells & Amos, Middleport Nurseries.

THIS is one of the industries that has been wonderfully improved in the last one hundred years, and we might add, in the last fifty years, at which time a nursery was a rare thing in this great State of Ohio. The orchards at that time were propagated by the person planting the seeds of the fruit he chanced to get. The fruits

of that day were of a very poor quality and only used for making cider. The improved varieties that we have today were unknown at that time. Budding and grafting at that time were not thought of. But look at it to-day, the business is so much improved that we have green fruit all the year round. All this must be credited to the honest nurseryman. Any person owning a small tract of land can raise the finest luxuries that go to make up the articles that a good housewife needs to set a first-class table, and the owner of a small piece of land can set his table equal to that of a king. The nurseryman, like every other business man, has strong competition. There are so many dishonest men in the business, who come around and make big representations of how large a nursery they represent and how many acres it contains, and of their company being incorporated and their fruits being trade marked, and so on, and so on, which is all a fraud, but they keep traveling on, blowing year after year and humbugging the farmer. This kind of fruit tree men generally change their territory every year, and seek new victims in new fields. Not so with Wells & Amos, who head our sketch. They are permanently located here and are old, reliable business men. Although the nursery was only established three years ago, they have built up for themselves a large and increasing trade, and you will find them honest nurserymen who pack their trees true to name and guarantee them to be such, and they are perfectly reliable. They cut their own buds and superintend the whole business in person and are the owners of the only first-class nursery in this county. The individual members of this firm are J. W. Wells and L. D. Amos. Mr. Amos is a thoroughly practical nurseryman, having been engaged in this business all his life, and is fully up with the times, and when any improvement is made or any new kind of fruit is introduced they secure them and have them in stock. Their stock consists of the finest grown apple, peach, pear, plum, cherry, apricot, quince, raspberries, strawberries, and a full line of all kinds and varieties of ornamental trees and shrubs. We wish to say to the readers of this review, those of you who are thinking of planting an orchard or any kind of trees will do well to consult these gentlemen, as their trees are fine and acclimated and do much better than trees brought from a distance. Their nursery is located two miles south of Middleport, on the C. H. V. and T. R. R., and by addressing them you can get their catalogue and prices.

Wertheimer Bros., Clothiers, Merchant Tailors, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Etc., Second St., Middleport, O.

ONE of the largest and most prominent business establishments of Southern Ohio, is the Great Eastern Clothing House, of which Mr. S. H. and L. B. Wertheimer are proprietors These clothing parlors have been established under this firm name since 1878, and in that time have secured an enduring hold on public favor and confidence. The premises, which have an area of 60x100 feet, are very handsomely and attractively fitted up in modern style and provided with electric lights and every convenience, all the surroundings being in perfect keeping with the character of the business. The stock of goods is one of the largest to be found in Southern Ohio, and no pains have been spared by this firm to make it complete and unapproachable in extent and character. All the goods are new and fresh, and in perfect accord with the prevailing fashionable ideas, and perfect in every respect. The assortment of clothing for men, boys and children, is full and complete, and comprises everything seasonable, fashionable and desirable in all the new fabrics, cut and made in the best manner and perfect as regards fit and style. In the line of hats and caps, the firm also has a full and complete assortment including stiff and flexible hats, and caps of all kinds. In the furnishing goods department a splendid display is made of rich, elegant neckwear which is shown in great variety, this house having the reputation of being the largest dealers in this line of goods. They can offer a larger and greater variety than any other firm in the city. Fine white shirts, hosiery, gloves, underware and all the novelities belonging to the business, will be found here in profusion, including umbrellas, canes, etc. In the merchant tailoring department can always be found a choice line of cloths to select from, and they are accurately cut by one of the most fashionable cutters in the country, and made in the most artistic style. All we have to say to any one in need of anything in their line, you will be "strictly in it" by giving them a call.

J. J. Williams, Dealer in Groceries and Provisions.

AMONG the reliable grocers of Middleport, we found the establishment of Mr. Williams, worthy of special mention in this review. He located here five years ago. He is a native of Wales, and came to America in 1840. He was a resident of Coalport, and when trade came to Middleport he came along. He carries in stock a full line of choice groceries and provisions, including all those articles that go to make up a first-class grocery. His line includes coffees, teas, sugars, rice, canned goods, provisions, flour, and a full line of tobaccos and cigars, and a choice line of confectionery and notions. He is proprietor, manager in chief, clerk, bookkeeper, and has no rent to pay and can meet any competition in the city. The best goods for the lowest cash prices, is his motto. Call and see if we know whereof we write. He is one of the old reliable business men of the county.

Wittmer's Famous Shoe Store, Second St., Middleport, O.

THE popular shoe house of Mr. George Wittmer ranks among the foremost of the prominent firms of the city, and merits liberal mention in the business review of Middleport. The popularity of the firm is due to the liberal policy and prompt business habits of the proprietor and the courteous and cordial manner in which every one visiting the establishment is received, both by the proprietor and assistants, as well as the general excellence of the stock, which is selected

with all the care that long years of experience can furnish. The room occupied is situated on Second street near the corner of Walnut, and is very neatly arranged. He carries in stock the best hand-made and machine work fine and coarse boots and shoes, for men, women, boys or misses, and a fine line of ladies' slippers. Give him a call and see if what we have said is true.

The German Furniture Co., Manufacturers of Furniture, Third and Fourth Streets.

THIS business, which under the present management has grown to proportions of great magnitude, was originally founded in 1872 by Mr. S. Engelhard, Sr. In 1876 it was incorporated as the German Furniture Factory, and in 1877 was re-incorporated as The German Furniture Co. The following gentlemen, well known in financial and nanufacturing circles are officers: Peter Gloeckner, president; S. Engelhard, Jr. vice president; O. N. Marihugh, secretary; S. Engelhard, Sr. treasurer; W. C. Keckeler, salesman. By close attention to supplying every want of the trade, and by reason of their equitable mercantile policy during the intervening period, their house is placed in a leading position, and numbers among their customers the first-class trade of Ohio, extending as far west as California and as far south as Key West, Florida and going into every state of the Union. Their factory is located on Third Street and extends back to Fourth the entire plant and lumber yards covering an area of three acres. The manufacturing department embraces two buildings 75x45 feet, and 105x40 feet, and three stories high, all fitted up with the latest improved machinery and appliances. Seventy-five hands, all skilled in this line of trade, are given employment. Thus rendering them one of the chief industrial factors conducing to the city's prosperity. A fifty horse power engine is used for driving the machinery; system and order prevail in all departments, and the works are types of what the modern industrial establishments should be. Here is manufactured the finest furniture in all the popular and original styles; from imported mahogany, walnut, cherry, American mahogany, antique oak and ash. Their office, warehouse, packing house, and showrooms are accommodated in the handsome three story brick structure, fronting on Third Street, 40x80 feet in dimensions, and a model of what such a comprehensive establishment should be. Their show room contains a magnificent display in side boards, and bedroom furniture in a bewildering variety of styles from ornate and richly decorative down to plain and simple, put substantial and reliable, goods. It has always been this firms laudable ambition to excel and from their many beautiful and harmonious designs in furniture the taste of the most fastidious can be satisfied. It is generally recognized that their immense stock of fine cabinet and art furniture is the largest and best assortment in Southern Ohio. And for beauty and originality of design, superior and elaborate finish, durability, and general excellence The German Furniture Co's. stock stands unrivaled to-day and they confidently invite apersonal inspection of their new and elegant stock of furniture, comprising as it does, every style manufactured, in all desirable woods. Mr. Gleockner the President, is a native of Pomeroy and resides at that place and is engaged in business there. Mr. S. Engelhard Sr., the Treasurer of the Co., is a native of Germany, was born in 1832. He came to America when he was 14 years old and was engaged in the boot & shoe business some eighteen years ago. He was the original instigator of this enterprise and by his indomitable perseverance and push, has made this Company famous throughout the Union. S. Engelhard, Jr., vice president, is a native of Pomeroy, was born in 1870, and was

brought up in business and is thoroughly conversant with every detail of this enterprise. O. N. Marihugh, secretary, is a native of Defiance, O. was born in 1861, and was engaged in clerking and railroading until 1884, when he came to this city, and in 1887 became a member of this firm and is filling the responsible position of secretary. The great majority of this firm's styles of furniture cannot be duplicated elsewhere, and they are ever on the alert to introduce new designs and new effects. In mercantile circles this firm has the highest standing. Its great success, coupled with the best class of trade in the United States is due entirely to their enterprise and energy, and square dealing with the public, of which no better evidence could be afforded than the positive and permanent success they have achieved.

The Extensive Milling Plant of the Middleport Flour Company, Merchant and Custom Millers and Manufacturers of the Leading Brands "Harvest Home", "Little Duchess" and "Roller A."

THE milling industry of the county is one of the most prosperous factors in our industrial prosperity, and the improvements and changes a dozen years have effected in processes and system of production are more marked than in any other line of effort. Every important city in the country has now one or more finely equipped milling plants, yet few places of the size of Middleport have a more extensive or more modern equipped plant than that of the Middleport Flour Company, which is in all respects the largest in southern Ohio, and enjoys in reputation of product a position second to none. The mill building proper is a substantial four story building, equipped with a full complement of the latest improved roller process and gradual reduction machinery. It is in interior arrangement and conveniences a model plant, conducted on the modern system of producing the largest quantity of the best grades of flour in the shortest time. The individual members of the firm are Charles Grant, who is president of the company, is a native of Meigs county, born in 1843, and is located in Ellenwood, Kansas, where he has been engaged in the milling business ever since 1875. Mr. S. J. Grant is general manager, secretary and treasurer, and is a native of Meigs county, born 1838, and has been in the milling business thirty-seven years. The Middleport Flour Company are merchant and custom millers and manufacturers of several brands which it has introduced, not only in local trade, but in distant points. They also manufacture "Little Duchess" and "Roller A", fancy choice grades for bakers and family use. The leading brand, "Harvest Home", is a high-grade, carefully milled flour, unexcelled for bread making purposes, and is in steady

demand and enjoys a favorable reputation with the trade and consumers. These mills are the largest and most prominent representative fixtures in southern Ohio, and the success they have attained is solely due to a policy that is liberal, equitable and enterprising. They also deal extensively in all kinds of grain and mill feed. On the whole the plant is well equipped in every respect and utilizes nine double sets of the latest improved rollers and has a capacity of two hundred and twenty-five barrels per day and employs fourteen assistants.

RACINE.

RACINE claims the title of the "Paris" of Meigs county, and it is indeed a handsome village and may well aspire to that title. It is quite unfortunate however, that a large portion of the place is not beyond the reach of high water, and consequently the larger portion becomes submerged during the time of floods. The upper part of town however, which is situated on the second rise of ground, occupies an exalted and commanding eminence, and is beyond reach of the liquid elements. The people of this thriving village are remarkable for their taste and neatness. Few towns of its size in the State, comprise as many enterprising, go-ahead, thorough business men, and we do not know of any town in this section in proportion to the population, that can exhibit so much prosperity. The manufacturing interests comprise three large and flourishing establishments, two of which are flouring mills, and the other a factory of woolen goods. One of the former is the property of Mr. J. M. Rhoades, and the other of B. Kay & Son. Both are well equipped and in good condition. Messrs. Mallory & McElroy are the proprietors of the woolen mill, which employs about twenty hands and has an excellent reputation for producing a good quality of goods. The leading mercantile firm of the place is Waid Cross, engaged in selling dry goods and general merchandise. He carries a very large stock and is known and patronized from far and near. The principal of the other business firms are D. Murdock, carriage manufacturer; J. C. Hayman, hardware and tinware; O. P. Pickens, photographer; S. Curtis, undertaker; J. L. W. Bell & Son, and E. S. Mayes, shoemakers; R. B. Mallory and W. Blackmore, blacksmiths, and George Smith and Bell Bros., skiff builders. The traveling community have choice of either of the two hotels, Cooper House or Racine Hotel; Miss Hattie Amsdem, millinery and dressmaking. L. W. Philson, Mayor; Jas. M. Weldon, postmaster. Dr. J. R. Philson is a resident practicing physician.

The first settler here was George Wolff, and the first postmaster, Andrew Donnally, but in what year the latter was appointed we are not informed. The settlement here was originally called Graham Station, but afterwards

changed to Racine by act of Legislature. The only churches within the corporation are a Baptist and a Methodist. A good system of graded schools is also sustained. As regards the land in the immediate vicinity it is quite fertile and well adapted to agriculture, and there are a large number of farmers in a prosperous condition.

The village of Racine was laid out as Graham Station, January 30th, 1837, by P. Lallance, A. Lallance and John Wolf, and consisted of seventy lots in the original plat. Name changed to Racine in the year 1852. The country is all underlaid with a five foot vein of a very fine quality of coal. It is prominent for boat building and small fruit raising interests. Racine, at the time the county seat was changed to Pomeroy, raised $4500 for building the Court House, and stood a fair show, but was sold out. The location is beautiful, and we found the most live business men in the county.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

Mayor, L. W. Philson; City Clerk, Charles Jay; Council, Ephriam Aumiller; J. R. Philson, Frank Weaver, M. V. Lasher, C. L. Bell, John N. Reed; Street Commissioner, Elihu Reed; City Marshal, Chas Sarber.

SECRET ORDERS.

I. O. O. F.—Racine Lodge, No. 580.—Number members, 90. Chartered, 1874.—J. D. Shannon, N. G.; Willard Flesher, V. G.; Henry Bentz, Sec'y; T. M. Pickens, Treas.

A. O. U. W.—Racine No. 2.—A. M. Carson, M. W.; C. L. Bell, Foreman; Abner Curtis, Overseer; L. W. Philson, Recorder; Waid Cross, Financier; J. R. Philson, Receiver; Dor DeWolf, Guide; Reuben Miller, Inner Watchman; Sylvester Curtis, Outer Watchman. Chartered, April 1872. Number members, 14.

F. & A. M.—Chartered—Present Officers: Master, L. W. Philson; L. A. Weaver, S. W.; Frank Weaver, J. W.; H. K. Coe, S. D.; Vicca Morrison, J. D; Chas. Cross, Sec'y: G. R. Wolf, Tyler; J. C. Hayman, Treas.

Racine's Most Enterprising Citizens and Business Men.

Miss H. E. Amsden, Artistic Milliner.

AMONG those establishments which reflect credit upon our city and hold business here, which would otherwise be diverted to other centres of trade, we notice the millinery house of Miss Amsden, located on Second St. She has been engaged in the present business in this town for the past fourteen years. The trimming department is under her special supervision. She is a native of this county, and is well and favorably known. Her store room is 18x20 feet in dimensions with trimming department in the rear. She carries an attractive display of popular designs in hats and bonnets, flowers, feathers, ribbons, and novelties in trimmings. Newest styles are received promptly on their first appearance in metropolitan cities, and special pains is taken to insure the highest taste to meet the requirements of patrons in the trimming department. A leading feature is made of millinery in all branches.

T. E. Baker, Huckster,

ANY enterprise that brings money into the county or town, and scatters it among producers is of great benefit to any community. In this connection we make special mention of Mr. Baker. Two years ago he engaged in the huckster business. He buys all kinds of country produce, butter, eggs, calves and all kinds of poultry. He keeps one team constantly on the road buying the produce from the farmers and producers, and always pays cash. Large sums of money are annually paid out to producers. He has established business relations with prominent firms in large cities, and with low freight rates via river transportation, enables him to pay higher prices than any competition can afford. Mr. Baker is a native of the village, born in 1873. Two years ago he engaged in his present business. He is a young man of rare business tact and energy, and has that push and get up that is bound to succeed if a thorough business knowledge and sufficient capital is of any avail·

A. D. Butler, Lumber & Tie Dealer.

AS one of the enterprises of this village we notice that in which Mr. Butler is engaged. This enterprise dates its inception to 1884, when he first engaged in this business. He has control of extensive timber lands, and is making a specialty of furnishing manufacturers and dealers hand wood lumber of all kinds, including oak, poplar, walnut, hickory, and rail road

ties. He is fully prepared to do quarter sawing and will fill all orders in this line. He has two saw mills constantly employed in the timber lands and has every appliance for the prompt execution of all orders. He employs sixteen hands and five teams, and has a capacity of 50,000 feet per week. Since the inception of this business Mr. Butler has always been at its head, and by reason of energy and enterprise shown in its management has attained a foremost position among the substantial business concerns of the town. He keeps on hand a full stock of hickory, oak, poplar, walnut, and cherry lumber, and is prepared to fill all orders promptly. The business of this house extends all along the Ohio River, and he handles many millions of feet of lumber annually. He is a young man of rare business qualities, as a thorough going business man and is held in high esteem. Correspondence solicited with manufacturers and dealers in lumber. Quotations sent on application.

H. K. Coe, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Harness, Saddles Etc.

AS one of the most popular and largely patronized harness shops in the county we note that of Mr. Coe located at the corner of Main and Second streets. He occupies a fine business room 18x36 feet in dimensions, and carries a large and valuable assortment of harness, including fine and medium grades, both double and single, and for track purposes in all the various kinds of mountings used for that purpose, together with robes, blankets, fly-nets, whips, bridles, collars, saddles, brushes, and horse equipments and paraphernalia generally. In the manufacturing department he employs two men who are especially engaged in order work and repairing. He has been engaged in this line for the last six years, and is one of the largest dealers in harness in the county. He is a native of West Virginia, born in 1859. He controls a large trade and enjoys a first-class reputation as the manufacturer of hand made goods, which coupled with his own personal energy and popularity, assures his future success. He is one of Racine's highly respected citizens.

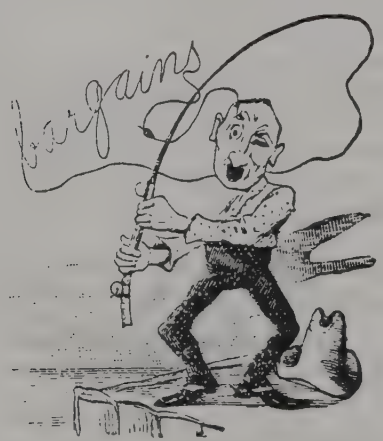
Cooper House, Mrs. A. Cooper, Proprietress.

THE COOPER HOUSE is the principal hotel in the village, and a most popular resort for all travelers on business or pleasure. It was founded twenty-five years ago by the husband of the present proprietress. At her husband's death, seventeen years ago, she assumed control. The building is a two story frame structure on corner of Pearl and Third streets, fronting 50 feet on Pearl, with a depth of seventy-five. It contains seventeen well ventilated sleeping apartments, all nicely furnished and kept in the most cleanly conditions, while the culinary department is under her personal supervision, and no one could desire to sit down to a better or more bountiful table than is to be found at this hostlery. The rate for guests is one dollar and a half per day, while reduced rates are given regular boarders. Board can be had by the day, week or meal. First-class sample rooms furnished commercial travelers. When in Racine stop at the Cooper House.

The Extensive House of Waid Cross, Dealer in All Kinds of General Merchandise, Pearl and Water Streets.

THIS, one of the largest and most successful of our active business enterprises, had its inception here forty-four ago, by Mr. L. Cross, father of the present proprietor. This business continued up to 1860, when the house changed to L. & W. Cross. Under this firm name the business was so conducted as to merit and receive a large share of public patronage. In 1869 Mr. L. Cross sold out to Mr. Chas.

McElroy and the firm changed to Cross & McElroy. In 1871 Mr. McElroy died, when Mr. W. Cross purchased his interest and took full control. From time to time the business has been enlarged and one department after another has been added until at present he controls every article in the merchandising line except drugs and liquors. First we note his dry goods department, which comprises the newest fabrics in foreign and American products, embracing not only the medium and lower grades and varieties, of ladies' dress goods but the newest designs in new and stylish mixtures, plaids, stripes, camels hair, cashmeres, silks and silk mixed suitings, black goods, etc. The notions and fancy goods department comprises ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods and novelties in endless variety. His carpet department forms one of the attractions of his stock, embracing not only the common and medium grades of hemp, but also new and stylish Kensington art squares, tapestry, and body brussels, draperies and window shades and lace curtains. The woolen domestic goods department comprises every discription of domestic goods pertaining to this department of trade. His clothing department embraces a full fleged clothing store. All the qualities and styles are carried in stock, embracing a full line of suits pants, vest and overcoats, in all the latest styles for men, boys and children, which are sold at prices that cannot be duplicated in the county. The grocery trade stands pre-eminently at the head of all mercantile pursuits. Here the civilized world looks for its daily supply. In this important industry Racine is well represented in the house of Mr. Cross, which ranks among the best of its class in the county. The stock embraces a full line of staple and fancy groceries, American and foreign fruits, fresh country produce, provisions, farm and daily products, and supplies for the home and table of every description. The hardware and farm implement department is complete and embraces self binders, mowers, hay rakes, plows, cultivators, harrows, and a full line of carpenters' and builders' hardware. A specialty is made of the Osborn self binder, mower and reapers, Syracuse chilled, Princess and Malta plows. He occupies a fine brick business block, situated on Front street, overlooking the beautiful Ohio River, which has a frontage of 30 feet and is 50 deep and three stories in height, all packed from cellar to garret with goods of every description, just opposite on Pearl street he has erected a fine wooden structure for hardware and farm implements and machinery. Wr. Waid Cross is a native of this county, born in 1835, obtained his education at the public schools, and engaged in farming for a few years. Thirty-one years ago he engaged in business, and during all these years, by fair and honorable dealing, and being a shrewd buyer and enjoying intimate relations with prominent manufacturers, has gained an enviable reputation, and built up a large and remunerative trade, showing what energy and strictly honest business methods will accomplish.



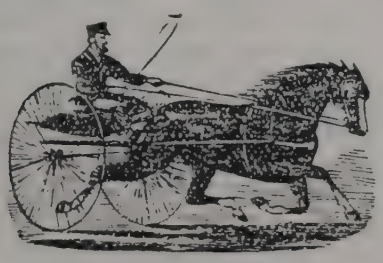
S. Curtis, Undertaker and Embalmer.

IN the front rank among those commercial houses which give character to, as well as secure the permanent prosperity of the trade of Racine, is that of the house of S. Curtis. This

business was established twenty-five years ago by the present proprietor. He is a native of Meigs county, born in Chester township, in 1829, and has been a resident of Racine thirty-six years. He first learned the trade of millwright and followed that line of business twenty years, and twenty-five years ago engaged in the undertaking business. In those days it was customary to manufacture all burial caskets and coffins by hand, but machinery in this line as well as all others has superseded the hand-made work. The premises occupied comprise a two story frame building 20x40 feet in dimensions. He carries a full line of coffins, caskets and burial cases, shrouds, robes and decorations, and is prepared to take entire charge of funerals. He has a fine hearse and will attend funerals in town or country at reasonable rates. He also makes a specialty of taking charge of bodies, embalming and preparing them for burial. He attends all funerals in person and courteous treatment is assured to all who favor this house with a call.

Fought & Reed, Livery and Feed Stables, Third Street.

THE adaptation of the stable of Fought & Reed to meet the wants and contribute to the pleasure and comfort of all is unsurpassed in this section. They have ample accommodations to meet the wants of the trade.



They keep six head of the finest carriage horses in the county, seven carriages and buggies and three sample wagons for the accommodation of commercial travelers. Their sample wagons are of the best class. They are prepared to furnish stylish teams for parties, weddings, funerals, etc., with careful drivers, and the turnouts are not surpassed for style or utility anywhere in the county. Special attention is paid to boarding horses, and the best of care and attention is paid to teams entrusted to their charge, and the rates are always reasonable. They have ample accommodations for twenty-five head of horses. Mr. A. M. Fought is a native of Wirt County, West Virginia, and came to this place in 1886. Mr. John N. Reed is a native of Jackson County, West Virginia, and came to this place in 1862. They have been in business here since 1887, when they purchased the business from J. A. Cowdery. They are also proprietors of "Young Lion" a draft stallion of the Percheron-Norman stock. He was sired by "Old Lyon". This horse was perhaps the most famous imported horse that ever stood in Delaware county. He was extensively patronized and left a numerous progeny of most excellent draft horses. This firm makes a specialty of keeping blooded stallions of famous and noted draft horses, and farmers can always find at this stable one or more fine specimens. For full particulars and pedigree of this famous draft horse call on or address Messrs. Fought & Reed. Commercial men and others who want to make inland towns will find this firm a first-class one to patronize and clever gentlemen to deal with. Fought and Reed are also extensive dealers in agricultural implements, buggies, carts, wagons and engines. They have the exclusive sale of the celebrated Aultman Taylor & Co's threshers and engines, which are everywhere known as the best threshers manufactured. Write them for circulars and terms and they will call and see you. When in need of a cart or buggy get their prices before buying.

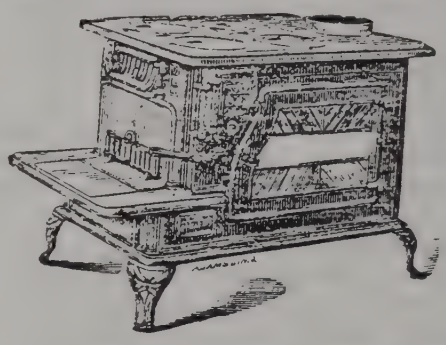
D. D. Garen, Harness Factory.

THE public almost invariably fail to appreciate the superiority of hand-made goods over those made by

machinery, and in all our towns and cities are found shoddy goods placed on the market at astonishingly low prices and manufactured from inferior material, with which honest, handmade goods are expected to compete in prices. In no other department of trade is this principle more clearly demonstrated than in the harness trade. And as one of the worthy representatives of this branch of business, we take pleasure in calling attention to Mr. D. D. Garen, whose shop is located on Main street. He carries in stock a full line of turf goods, consisting of light and heavy whips, saddles and saddlery hardware. Mr. Garen devotes his whole time to this one line of goods. He manufactures his own stock and uses great care in selecting the best material that can be procured and this, together with his great efficiency as a workman, has gained for him a wide reputation as a harness manufacturer both at home and abroad. Mr. Garen was born in Beaver county Pennsylvania in 1840. He came to Ohio with his parents when twelve years of age and when eighteen years old he entered as an apprentice with John Hampton, of Pomeroy Ohio. After learning his trade he worked in several towns of Ohio and West Virginia. He came to Racine in 1859, where he built a shop and did a good business until 1884 when his shop was carried away by the flood. He immediately procured another shop and is now ready to supply the public with anything in his line. He invites the public to come and examine his stock thoroughly and get his prices before paying out money for worthless factory goods.

J. C. Hayman, General Hardware.

RACINE is not surpassed by any other village of her size in the State of Ohio, in the character and excellence of her business houses, and as one of the leading establishments, not only of Racine but of Meigs county, we would mention in particular the large general hardware store of J. C. Hayman, which is located at the corner of Main and Second streets, in a large and commodious building 24x65 feet in dimensions, and the space occupied by his comprehensive stock of goods includes three floors the full length of the building and a large ware room in addition, in which may be found a full line of farming implements, including all the best made mowers, reapers, plows, grain drills, hay tools, garden tools, blacksmith tools and supplies, house furnishing goods and carpenters' tools, stoves,



fire arms, table cutlery, lawn mowers, pruning knives, painters' supplies, glass etc., in fact everything belonging to his line of trade. He is prepared to furnish and put on tin roofing, eaves, troughing and spouting on short notice in any part of the county, and bids for furnishing supplies will be furnished on application. He is also agent for the Brown Wagon Factory of Zanesville, Ohio. He conducts a tinshop and manufactures his own tinware. Mr. Hayman is a native of Meigs county. He is a son of Wesley Hayman, and was born in 1847, and reared on a farm. He received his common school education in the school of this village. In 1864 he enlisted in Co. F. 174th O. V. I. and he served until the close of the war and was discharged in July, 1865. After returning home he attended the common schools of this village and was prepared to enter the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware Ohio, where he remained one year. He afterwards taught school in this township and he was very successful. In 1870 he was married to Miss E. Amelia Lasher,

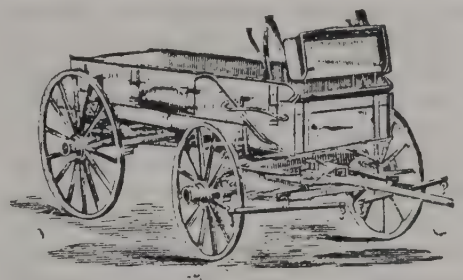
daughter of Morgan Lasher, of this village. He has been in business here for thirteen years and has met with an increased trade each year. He gives constant employment to two assistants. He has served as a member of the Board of Education and town council for several terms and is well worthy of public trust and confidence.

B. B. Mallory, Blacksmith,

MR. B. B. MALLORY, is a native of Mason County, W. Va., born in 1856. He is a son of B. B. Mallory, who now resides in California, and a nephew of Captain F. Mallory, a well known business man of this county. He came to this county with his parents when quite a small child, and grew to manhood near Racine. At the age of seventeen he was married. He learned his trade with Jesse Walker, and afterwards worked in Letart, this county, Hartford, W. Va., and near Ashland, Ky. He returned to this village in 1875, and again engaged with Mr. Walker, from whom he purchased the shop. He is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line, and makes a specialty of barge and steam boat work. He also has a wide reputation as a horse shoer, as he has made the care and preservation of the horse's hoof a study, and knows just how to shoe a horse so as to prevent intefering and to keep the hoof from contracting. He invites the horsemen of this section to come and give him a trial. He owns his own shop and dwelling, and enjoys a good trade.

D. Murdock, Wagon Maker and Repair Shop.

MR. D. MURDOCK was born in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1858. He is a son of Ezekial Murdock, who formerly carried on the same business, and with whom he learned his trade. He has worked at this trade since twelve years of age, and as a mechanic he cannot be surpassed, as the character and durability of his work will show. He is prepared to do all kinds of repairing of wagons, carriages or anything in his line promptly and neatly, at very reasonable rates. He is also prepared to do all kinds of painting. He has been in business here all his life, and has established a



good reputation among the people of this section as a skillful workman. He has a wife and one child. The public will always find it to their advantage to give him a call when needing anything in his line, as he is a young man worthy of public patronage. His shop is located on Pearl street, and is a large two story frame, 30x60 feet in dimensions, and well fitted up for conducting his business according to the most approved methods.

Prof. L. W. Philson, Mayor and Justice of the Peace, Racine, O.

PROF. PHILSON is a native of this village, born in 1832. He received a liberal education at the Racine High Schools and graduated from the Marietta College in 1865 with the highest honors of the class. At the age of seventeen he began as an educator in our public schools. He was principal of the Racine High Schools six years, and has followed teaching as his principal occupation all through life. In 1869 he was appointed a member of the board of county examiners, this position he held until the year 1873, when he removed to Knoxville, Tenn., where he engaged as Professor in mathematics in the East Tennessee University, and taught in this capacity four years. Returning to his native town, he was again appointed a member of the board of county examiners, and elec-

ted president of the board, and has held that position ten years altogether. He was elected and has held the office of County Surveyor one term, refusing the second, preferring to follow the department of civil engineering in a private capacity. He is a thorough and practical civil engineer and will promptly attend all calls in this department. He has been elected and re-elected and held the office of Mayor six consecutive terms, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace nine years and is still holding both of these honorable positions. He is still engaged in teaching. In this department he brings into requisitiona long and extensive experience. In his official capacity as president of the board of county examiners, his aim has been to raise the standard grade of teachers in the County, and much of the advancement in this line is due his exertions, and Meigs County's teachers compare favorably with any in the State. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, being Master of Racine Lodge 461, which important office he has held four years. Under his guidance the lodge is one of the best working lodges in the county.

O. P. Pickens, Artistic Photographer, Corner Third and Main Streets, Proprietor Racine Photo Gallery.

AS an artist of experience and rare perceptibilities in light and shade we notice Mr. O. P. Pickens. There is perhaps no establishment in the county that shows more conspicuously the rapid development and improvement of this beautiful art than the gallery of Mr. O. P. Pickens. This business was established in 1890. The parlors and gallery are handsomely fitted and furnished, great taste being observed in the arrangement of all decorations. In the gallery the light, accessories, and all appliances necessary for a first-class establishment are perfect. Photography in all its branches is here executed, and the best and finest class of work is produced. Views are taken by the new instantaneous process, and thus patrons are enabled to obtain accurate and perfect photographs. Mr. Pickens is a thorough artist and executes all kinds of work, from the carte de visite to the imperial cabinet. He makes a specialty of taking orders for life-size portraits in crayon, oil, pastelle, India ink and water colors. While his work is of the highest merit, his prices are so reasonable as to satisfy the inclinations and desires of all customers. The specimens exhibited by Mr. Pickens are unsurpassed. He is a native of this village, was born in 1873, and gives promise of being one of the finest artists in the State. When in the city call and see him. He keeps a large and well selected stock of frames, and will frame all sizes and style of pictures to order.

L. E. Reynolds, Barber and Hair Dresser.

AMONG the attractive and well conducted establishments of this village we desire to mention the barber shop conducted by Mr. L. E. Reynolds. This shop is well fitted up with large mirrors and good chairs and everything that tends to promote the comfort of his customers, and being an artist in the profession he guarantees first class work in all the departments. His shop is a popular resort for all who want a smooth shave and a fashionable hair cut. He makes a specialty of dressing the hair of ladies and children. Mr. Reynolds is a native of this village, born in 1864. He learned the trade in Cincinnati, Ohio, and opened up his shop here in January, 1890. He invites his friends to give him a call when desiring anything in his line of business.

Sarber & Wolf, Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlors.

ONE of the necessary as well as attractive features of our commercial interests, are the well conducted restaurants of our cities and towns.

New York has Delmonico's, Philadelphia has Dooness', Cleveland has Richards', and Detroit has Swan's —celebrated resorts of this nature. Racine can also boast of a restaurant and dining hall proportionately as extensive and well conducted as those of our larger cities. We refer to the restaurant kept by Sarber & Wolf. The room occupied is nicely fitted up, and they have a first-class lunch counter and will serve warm meals at all times. Ice cream in season and all the delicacies are also furnished. They also keep a full line of tobacco and cigars. When in the city give them a call and a second invitation will not be needed.

W. B. Skirvin, Fire, Accident and Live Stock Insurance.

THERE are still living many persons who remember the first inroads of insurance and how strenuously the principles were combated by many prominent business men. It required some years to demonstrate by experience the folly of such opposition, but to-day no prudent business man or property owner will neglect to avail himself of the advantage of some reliable company. Prominently identified with this pursuit for many years is Mr. W. B. Skirvin, who represents a number of the most solid and reliable insurance companys of the Union, among which we notice the Ætna, Phœnix, of Hartford, Royal, North British, in fire insurance, and the North American in marine insurance, and the Mahoning Mutual Live Stock Insurance Association. He represents companies whose aggregate assets amount to more than seventy million dollars. In this connection we notice the fact that while there is universal acknowledgement of the necessity of insurance there are two classes of business men and property owners, one class who think it wise to insure before the fire, and another who are disposed to postpone taking out a policy until after the fire. Mr. Skirvin is a native of Kentucky and came to Ohio with his parents at the age of two years. He has resided in Meigs county forty-two years and has been in the insurance business twelve years. Mr. Skirvin can fully recommend all his companies and can guarantee to patrons prompt and equitable adjustment of all established losses. Mr. W. B. Skirvin, away back in '61, when our country was assailed by rebels, was one of the brave men who went to the front. He enlisted in Co. K, 18 Reg't O. V. I., and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant of the company, under Col. Joseph P. Given, of Coshocton, Ohio. He participated in many of the hard fought battles in which this regiment was engaged. Lieutenant Skirvin becoming unfit for service in the field, was appointed as Military Superintendent of Railroads. Serving in this capacity a few months he became entirely disabled and unfit for duty, was prevailed upon by Col. Given to resign, and returned home in 1862.

A. E. Skirvin, House, Sign and Frescoe Painter.

AMONG the mechanics and artists of any town or city none is of more vital importance than that of the painter. Prominent as an artist in this line we notice A. E. Skirvin of this village. Naturally he is an artist, and his long practical experience makes him an expert in the business. He is fully prepared to take contracts for house, sign and ornamental painting or frescoing in all departments. He has every needed appliance and employs none but the best artists in this line. His long practical experience shows perfection of workmanship. Through this village, country and surrounding towns are to be seen many specimens of his work in the house, sign, ornamental and frescoe painting, reflecting credit on his artistic skill and accomplishments. As a result of his thorough competency, careful and prompt attention to all work contrusted to him, he enjoys a good patronage, much of it from the best class of citizens.

Star Flouring Mill Company, J. M. Rhoades Manager.

UP to comparatively recent date no important change had taken place in the milling system of fifty years ago; but in this, as in other departments of operative industry, American inventive genius saw opportunities for improvement, and as a result, the roller system, or what is known as the gradual reduction process was introduced, making an important epoch in the reduction of our great cereals to a higher grade of family and bakers flour. It is creditable to this locality to be able to assert that one of the finest and most thoroughly equipped flouring mills in this section of the State is located here, and known as Star Flouring Mill Company, conducted by J. M. Rhoades. The building above the basement is three and one half stories in height. This enterprise dates its inception to one year ago when it was taken possession of and remodeled for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the times in the newest improved machinery and appliances—this mill was entirely refitted with full roller system and now stands second to none of its contemporaries in this part of the State for the superiority of its products. He also operates two buhrs for grinding meal and low grade flour. He transacts merchant and custom grinding and exchange. The Star Mills have a capacity of 60 barrels of the choicest family flour per day. He utilizes a 100 horse power engine and a 60 inch by 24 foot flue boiler for supplying the power. The standard brands produced are known as "Pearl" a straight grade, and "Tidal Wave," a lower grade. These brands bear the highest standard value in all markets in which they have been introduced and enjoys popular favor with the trade and consumers. This house also deals in grain, flour, meal and feed. Mr. W. H. Clark is the efficient miller. He learned his trade at these mills and has made the subject of milling a study and much of the popularity of this mill is due to his exertions. The uniform excellence of the flour produced at this mill has created a reputation, and often tests the full capacity of the works and must soon call for increased facilities to meet the growing demands.

The Bell Skiff Company, Skiff Builders, Racine, Ohio.

A pass time combining both exercise and pleasure is that of boating. A firm that has done much to make it popular in this village is that of the Bell Skiff Company. The members of the firm are C. E. Bell and J. G. Bell. They founded their present enterprise in August 1890 and are conducting a very prosperous business, their extensive establishment being 25x50 feet with an L 25x60 feet and a storage department 25x50 feet. Employment is given from four to ten men, all skilled mechanics in this line, and a large trade extending to all points on the river, and as far east as Poughkeepsie, N. Y. and south to Helena, Arkansas. This firm make to order and keep for sale, boats of all kinds, they make a specialty of hunting and fine pleasure boats and hand made spoon oars. They also store, repair or paint boats,. They keep constantly on hand to let a number of fine boats at the most reasonable terms. Their boats are all made in the lightest, finest and most scientific manner, and are models of perfection. The Bell Bros. are practical boat-builders and understand thoroughly the art of making graceful, durable and reliable water crafts. They have a capacity of two boats per day and will fill all orders promptly. Persons desiring a first class boat built to order would do well to give this firm a call. Orders solicited from all quarters and filled on short notice. Finished work always on hand. One hundred patterns always on hand to select from. Price list 12 feet, $12; 14 feet, $14; 16 feet, $16; 18 feet, $18; 20 feet, $20; 22 feet,

$22; yawl stern, extra $1; oars per pair $1.25. Pittsburg Steamboat Yawl a specialty. Terms cash. All work warranted.

L. A. Weaver Manufacturer and Dealer in Granite and Marble.

ON the corner of Pearl and Second streets are located the finest marble works in Meigs county. L. A. Weaver is especially engaged in the erection of monuments and statuary from the celebrated granite which is conceded to be the best and most enduring stone in existence for this purpose. This house has originated many beautiful designs and executes some of the finest and most artistic work to be seen in the country. Among many monuments erected we refer to a few. Pomeroy Cemetry, James Fish and Andrew Byrne; Middleport Cemetery, Peter Shutt; Parkersburg, West Virginia Cemetery, James Stevenson, Banker. These monuments give evidence of a combination of skill and taste rarely seen in stone and granite work, and we are fully convinced the claim of this firm for superior artistic workmanship, originalty of designs, and neatness of execution, is not surpassed by any other in the country. The premises occupied embrace a fine frame structure 24x40 feet in dimensions and two stories in height. A full line of finished and unformed work kept constantly on hand. Mr. Weaver is a native of this county, born in 1847. During the late rebellion he was among those who stood ready to aid the union cause and enlisted August 30th, 1864 as a drummer boy in Co. F 174 Reg. O. V. I., and served until the close of the war when he was honorably discharged June 28th, 1865. Returning home again to enter upon civil life and its pursuits he chose that of marble cutter as the one of his choice. He took the entered apprentice degree in Athens, Ohio, and then concluded to travel. He received further instructions in the art at Columbus, O., and more light in Cincinnati, Ohio, and by traveling over the West, he was still further advanced, having made all the necessary proficency in the preceding degrees, he at last obtained the sublime degree of master of the trade. He returned to his native town and located at his present place of business in 1871. During the last twenty years he has placed many beautiful monuments in the cemeteries and has contributed much to the adornment and beautifying of these places of recreation and sacred rest.

Jas. M. Weldon, P. M., Racine, O.

THE present and efficient Post Master of Racine is Mr. Jas. M Weldon, who assumed the duties of the office June 19th, 1889. He is an ex-soldier, having enlisted August 30th, 1864, in Co. F, 174th Regiment O. V. I. He enlisted as a private and was mustered as a sergeant. He participated in some of the hard fought battles of the memorable war of the rebellion, and served until honorably discharged June 28, 1865. Returning to his native town and to civil pursuits, he engaged in teaching, and has been prominently identified with that profession many years, and is recognized as one of the leading educators of Meig's county. He has been recognized by the administration as one deserving of official trust and public confidence and was appointed Post Master of this village. He possesses in a marked degree the traits and the qualifications that secure public favor, with the practical knowledge and experience requisite to the satisfactory discharge of the duties of the office which he now fills. Since assuming control of the office duties the duties of Post Master have been discharged to the entire satisfaction of all parties and to the best interests of the post office department. He is one of Racine's prominent citizens and has always identified himself with the best interest of her people. He is a prominent member of high standing in the Masonic fraternity, and strictly adheres to principles of honor and justice.

SYRACUSE.

Syracuse, four miles above Pomeroy on the Ohio river, is principally noted for its coal and salt works, and contains a population of 1,100 inhabitants, mostly miners. The principal corporation is the Syracuse Coal and Salt Company, which has control of the salt works in this vicinity, and mines coal by means of a shaft 80 feet in depth. The town received its name from parties of Syracuse, New York, who located here about the time of its first settlement. The first settler was William Crooks and the post office was established in the year 1850, George Parker being the first post master. There are three churches in the place; Methodist, Presbyterian, built in 1873, and Latter Day Saints, erected in 1882. The Carleton College, so named from its founder, was built in 1867, and is located upon a handsome eminence about one mile below the town and has a commanding situation. The school, for many years past, has principally been under the supervision of Mr. C. T. Coates, and in general has enjoyed a considerable degree of prosperity, with an extensive reputation. Of the business men, Messrs. G. W. Gilliland, C. T. Coats, G. N. Hayman, and F. M. Holmes are engaged in merchandising; A. Roush and T. A. Lallance drugs; Drs. T. H. Barton, and G. W. Rowley are the resident practicing physicians. W. F. Bartells, livery; Ward Hotel, has first-class accommodations for the traveling public, Mrs. Utnahimer, proprietress. The land in this vicinity is rich and well adapted to agriculture, and there is quite a large and prosperous farming population within an area of only a few miles. Close to, and within the town, are many neat, pleasant, and comfortable homes, but of late the people have not been so prosperous as formerly. This is principally owing to the fact that the coal and salt works have not continued in operation regularly.

The Syracuse Coal and Salt Company has been in operation at this place for thirty years, and has done a very large business in mining coal, and manufacturing salt barrels.

Syracuse Lodge, No. 453.—Chartered July 1870: Present officers:—Geo. H. Parker, N. G.; James Matthewson, V. G.; J. E. Lawrence, Per. Sec.; Johnathan Burnell, R. S.; Thos. Mainwaining, Trea.; Wm. R. Taylor, Chap. No. members, 67.

Syracuse's Business Enterprises and Business Men.

W. F. Bartels, Livery and Feed Stable and Hack Line.

AS one of the most extensive business enterprises of the city, we notice that of Mr. Bartels, livery and hack line. Contributing to the comfort, convenience, and pleasure of the citizens of every community is that branch of mercantile pursuits known as the livery business. The stables are commodious and conveniently arranged, fitted up with all modern improvements, and employ two men. His stock embraces ten fine driving and carriage horses, three cabs, three buggies, one sample wagon, two heavy transfer wagons, and four hacks. He runs a hack line from Syracuse to Pomeroy and Middleport and return. Leaves Syracuse 7 a. m., and 1 p. m.; returns 12 a. m., and 5, p m.; leaves Pomeroy 8:30, 10:30 a. m., and 2 p. m. 4 p. m.; returns 10 a. m., and 3:30 p .m. leaves Middleport 9:30 a. m.; returns 9 a. m., 2:30, 3 p. m. Fare to Pomeroy, 10, and to Middleport 20 cents. He keeps for livery purposes some of the finest carriage horses in this part of the state, with a number of comfortable buggies as well as four seated vehicles of different descriptions. There is one feature in this connection with which we wish to impress our readers—the entire outfit of this establishment is first-class, no shoddy or worn out vehicles here, and the harness all bright and attractive. This firm has spared no expense in this respect, and now has as fine turn outs as travel the road. At this stable is first-class accommodations for the care of horses either by the day or week at the most reasonable rates. Mr. Bartels is a native of Ravenswood W. Va., and came to this city when quite small. He obtained his literary education at Carleton College. This business enterprise was founded by his father, August Bartels, and nine years ago was taken in charge by his son, W. F. Bartels. He is a man of many rare and excellent business qualifications, and through energy and fair dealing has built up a most satisfactory business. He is also identified with agricultural pursuits and owns two farms in close proximity to the city. He raises all his own feed and hay, and can meet any and all competition. He is prepared to attend or furnish funerals or pleasure parties with carriages at all times, rates reasonable.

Dr. Thomas H. Barton, Physician and Author.

DR. THOMAS H. BARTON, the subject of this sketch is a native of Meigs County, O., born in 1828. He is a son of Capt. Thomas S. Barton, who fought in the war of 1812. Dr. Barton was reared on the farm and received his literary education in the

district schools, which at that time were held in the log school houses and supported by public subscription. In his early manhood he entered the profession of school teaching, devoting his spare moments to the study of chemistry, and in 1849 took up the study of medicine, under the preceptorship of his brother James, who was also a respected physician, and in 1851 began the practice of his profession at Pageville. He afterward practiced medicine in different villages of Meigs and Gallia Counties, where for forty long years he has been going forth during sunshine and shower to relieve suffering humanity, both rich and poor alike, receiving treatment at his hands, and to-day in the declining years of his usefulness he has the universal respect of the medical fraternity, and as a citizen he is regarded with sentiments of love and esteem by all who know him. Dr. Barton is the author of a book entitled "Autobiography of Thomas H. Barton, the Self-made Physician of Syracuse, O., including a history of the Fourth Va. Vol. Infantry, with an account of Colonel Lightburn's retreat, down the Kanawha Valley, General Grant's Vicksburgh and Chattanooga campaigns, together with the several battles in which the Fourth Regiment was engaged." In this book are related many incidents of both amusing and pathetic nature, tracing his life from childhood's days to old age, giving many laughable incidents such as "the rooster on the table" and "the old school master," amusing incidents connected with the old time singing and spelling school, and the old log school house. He also relates many pathetic incidents such as "the death of his sister and parents." And all through the chapters giving the history of his study and practice of medicine are given hints and suggestions which are both beneficial and practical to all ambitious young physicians. In the chapters devoted to the history of his regiment are vivid pen pictures of the opening scenes of the Rebellion and anecdotes relating the perils and hardships of long marches and bloody hand to hand struggles with the enemy, such as will recall to the minds of the old soldier memories which have long since faded away. Every one should have this book as it is just the kind of literature that the youth of the present day should be induced to read, it is both interesting and instructive. Agents are wanted everywhere and liberal commission is given. Price in cloth binding $1.50. In sheep binding $2.25. For term to agents address Dr. Thos. H. Barton, Syracuse, Meigs Co., Ohio.

G. N. Hayman, General Store.

AMONG the enterprising business interests of this little city, we make especial mention of that in which Mr. Hayman is engaged. The business was established here about ten years ago by Mr. Edward Mallory, and was purchased by Mr. Hayman March

15, 1891. The store room is 22x30 feet in dimensions, located on Third Street, near the business center. The stock carried embraces a full line of dry goods, ladies' and misses' dress

goods in all popular fabrics from both foreign and American looms, furnishing goods for ladies and gentlemen, notions, embracing all late novelties and useful and ornamental articles in this line. It is a line that would reflect credit on some of our larger cities. The grocery department contains a full line of staple and fancy groceries, embracing sugars, teas, coffees, pure spices, canned and bottled goods, etc. He has a choice line of clothing for men, boys and children, and price and quality to suit all purchasers. His line of shoes is full and complete, and he sells them at prices to suit all buyers. Anything in this line can be purchased very low. G. N. Hayman is a native of this county, born at Letart, Meigs Co., in 1848, obtained his education in the public schools. His father was elected sheriff of Meigs County in 1881, and re-elected in 1883. Mr. G. N. Hayman during these four years filled the position of deputy sheriff. Six years ago he moved to this place, and was engaged in farming and gardening pursuits up to March 15th, 1891, when he engaged in the mercantile business. He is a gentleman who has the push and energy that make a success of all his undertakings. His representation can always be relied upon, and his guarantee is worth one hundred cents on the dollar.

R. S. Hess & Co., Meat and Ice Markets.

THE individual members of this firm are Messrs. R. S. and L. J. Hess, sons of John Hess, a well known business man of this county. R. S. was born at Pittsburgh in 1852 and L. J. at Pomeroy in 1865. The firm of which they are the proprietors was founded in 1870 by their father and the senior member of this firm, who conducted the business until 1883, when the father was succeeded by his son, L. J. Their shop, which is located on the corner of Cherry and Second streets, is well fitted up with a good refrigator, cutting blocks, counters, and everything that belongs to a well equipped meat shop. They handle none but fresh slaughtered stock, consisting of the choicest cuts and roasts in beef, veal, mutton and pork, besides corned beef, salt and pickled pork, also bologna, sausages which they handle by the wholesale or retail. Their shop is a model of cleanness, and long experience in business has taught them that it always pays to keep a good article and deal honestly with their customers. They keep

three wagons constantly on the road, one to supply Racine and Antiquity, one to supply Pomeroy and Minersville and one to supply Syracuse. They pay the highest cash prices for good cattle, hides, game and poultry. Orders for ice will be filled promptly and delivered free to any part of their routes. These young men are esteemed by all who do business with them, as they have always been found to be honest and trustworthy in their dealings with the public.

T. M. Holmes, General Merchandise and Cigar Factory.

AS the most prominent and extensive business enterprise in Syracuse we notice the general store and cigar manufactory of T. M. Holmes. He first entered the business arena twenty years ago, as a traveling salesman. Six years were spent in this occupation. Then he turned his attention to the saw and flouring mill business for two years. Eleven years ago he engaged in the present mercantile enterprise at this place. He carries in stock a full and complete line of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, queensware and glassware. His dry

goods department embraces everything new and attractive in dress goods from beautiful summer dress fabrics to all solid and fashionable dress goods. This house is making special attractions and offering special inducements in this department. In groceries he carries a complete and full line of everything in this department, including choice coffees, fine sugars and the best and choicest teas, in fact he carries the cream of everything in this line. His queensware department includes all from the common to the finest imported dinner and tea sets, and everything belonging to this department. In boots and shoes he buys direct from manufacturers for cash and his intimate business relations with these houses enable him to compete with any house in the county in this line. He is also the head of an extensive cigar factory where he manufactures some of the finest stogies and cigars made in the county. Among his prominent brands we notice the "Best Friend," a very popular brand, and the "Ohio Valley" stogie, one of the most popular stogies made on the Ohio River valley, also "Little Tom" a fine 2-fer. Mr. Holmes is a native of Harrison county, Ohio, born January 1848, and moved to Racine with his parents at an early age. He received his education in the Racine public schools. He owns his own business room, which is a fine frame structure 22x40 feet in dimensions. He has fitted up the second story as a town hall, which has a seating capacity of three hundred people. His business career demonstrates what perseverance and correct business methods will accomplish. His own individual efforts have placed him at the head of the most prominent business houses in Syracuse. He employs three skilled cigar makers in his factory. All orders by mail will be promptly filled. He is desirous of selling his business and any one contemplating going into business will find this a pleasant town to live in and a first-class place to do business. He will sell property and stock or sell the stock and rent property to suit purchaser.

Joseph Lovett, Barber and Hair Dresser.

MR. JOSEPH LOVETT, the popular tonsorial artist of this village is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, born in 1848. Before coming to Syracuse he was in business at Milton, West Virginia, and afterwards at Huntington and Cincinnati. He learned his trade while in the army. He has been in business here for three years. His shop is located at the corner of Cherry and Third streets and is well equipped for doing a first-class business. Any one desiring a smooth shave or a fashionable hair cut will find Mr. Lovett equal to the occasion. He makes a specialty of dressing ladies' and children's hair. In 1863 he enlisted in the eleventh Kentucky Cavalry and immediately started with his regiment on the famous Morgan Raid campaign. They pursued this rebel general for thirty-one days successively, with very little rest or slumber. He afterwards took part in the following battles: Knoxville, Philadelphia, Tennessee, Maryville, Strawberry Plains, New Market, Dandridge, Bristol, Bulls Gap and Clinch Mountain Gap. On the 11th, of June 1864 he was taken prisoner at New Hope Church and was confined in the Andersonville prison for eleven months, during which time he suffered all the hardships of starvation, exposure and abuse that the human mind can conceive, while death would have been a welcome visitor to have relieved him from his agonies, yet his cheerful disposition and robust constitution carried him through. His weight was reduced from one hundred and thirty-seven to fifty eight pounds during his confinement. His family consists of a wife and nine children, all of whom are living except one. He does a good business here and has many friends among the citizens of Syracuse.

A. H. Roush, Druggist, and Pharmacist.

MR. A. H. ROUSH, one of the most popular and enterprising merchants of Syracuse, is a native of this county, born and raised on a farm. He received his common school education in the country schools and afterwards attended Chester Academy and Carlton College. He followed the profession of school teaching for about five years and then took up the study of Pharmacy, under Lewis Hudson, of this village, and at the same time entered into partnership with him in the drug business. He afterwards bought Mr. Hudson's interest in the store, and for seventeen years has been sole proprietor of the firm. His store, which is 30x20 feet in dimensions, is well stocked with an excellent line of drugs, oils, glass, paints, sponges, varnishes, fine soaps, medicines, chemicals, perfumery, stationery, wall paper, blank books, window shades etc., in fact everything that properly belongs to a well conducted pharmacy. The compounding of physician's prescriptions and family recipes holds a permanent position in this establishment, and no one more fully realizes the responsibility resting on a pharmacist than Mr. Roush, when preparing prescriptions, and for this reason he takes great caution that no adulterated or impure article creeps into his stock of goods. Mr. Roush served for eight years as township clerk of this township and is now secretary of the city school board. He commands a large share of the patronage of the town and community, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all his acquaintances.

G. W. Rowley, Physician and Surgeon.

DR. G. W. ROWLEY, one of Meigs county's popular young physicians, is a native of Kyger, Gallia county, where he was born in 1867. He was raised on a farm and attended the district school. By close application to his books he was able to procure a teacher's certificate at the age of seventeen, and for four years he was engaged in teaching, but in the meantime he took up the study of his chosen profession under Dr. C. A. Rife, of Kyger, and devoted his spare moments in searching out the mysteries of the science of medicine. In the fall of '88 he entered the Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio, where he remained during the winters of 1888-89 and '89-90 graduating with honors, on March 6th, 1890. He immediately located in Syracuse and has already acquired a reputation as a physician that might well be envied by practitioners of many years of experience. He has met with signal success in coping with the worst chronic diseases, some of his cures being almost miraculous. He is one of our progressive young men who has an abundance of energy, who is not deterred by the elements, nor does he make any difference whether his patient is rich or poor, they receive the same attention. His system of treatment is the Allopathic. In his private character he is pleasant and unassuming, treating everyone with due respect with whom he comes in contact, and is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet. He is bound to succeed if strict attention to business and a thorough knowledge of medicine count for anything.

Syracuse Bromine Factory, J. H. Schœnberger, Proprietor.

BROMINE is a valuable chemical which is extracted from bitter water or salt brine after the salt has been extracted. Its uses are various, among them the most important of which are the following: In the compounding of medicine, in the art of photography, in preparing anodynes, and as a disinfectant it has no superior. The New York State Board of Health has recommended its use for

that purpose, and after the Johnstown disaster, its use as such, was invaluable. It has various other uses which our space will not permit mentioning. It is obtained by boiling water until the remaining particles of salt have been extracted, then it is conveyed through pipes into a still, where it is diluted with sulphuric acid and other chemicals, the steam of which passing through pipes which lead from the still condenses, and the distilled water drained off into large glass vessels, where the bromine, whose specific gravity is 3¼, immediately settles to the bottom of the glass vessels. The water from which it settles is of a dark red color and is poured off and returned to the still while the bromine, which is almost black in color, is placed in glass jars and is now ready for market. The water, after the bromine is extracted, is again returned to a large kettle and boiled for the purpose of extracting another valuable substance known as Chloride of Calcium Magnesium, which resembles common salt in appearance. Mr. Schœnberger, the genial proprietor is a native of New Jersey, born in 1853. He came to Ohio in 1869 and has been engaged in his present business since '77. He is also proprietor of another factory at Pomeroy, Ohio. He controls a large part of the trade in bromine along the Ohio River. He thoroughly understands his business and is numbered among the most prosperous business men of the county. Mr. Schœnberger is also a lover of fine blooded horses and is the owner of some as fine bred animals as can be found in the State. We noticed in particular his colt "J. H. S.", whose register number is 14,276. He is a grandson of the famous stallion "George Wilkes" by both sire and dam, and a cousin to "Axtel" the most valuable horse in the world. This colt cost Mr. Schœnberger thirteen hundred dollars when one year old. He is a beauty in form and has already manifested indications of extraordinary speed.

Ward House, Mrs. Utnahmer, Proprietress.

THE attractions offered to the traveling public and regular boarders at the Ward House justify special mention. So far as well furnished rooms, clean and comfortable beds and well provided tables go, this house offers home attractions and comforts which are unsurpassed by any hotel in the county. The Ward has been conducted by Mrs. Utnahmer for the past two and one-half years, and those who have enjoyed its hospitality and pleasant associations, need no invitation to induce them to return, and those who have not, should avail themselves of the first opportunity and they will be assured courteous attention and first-class entertainment at reasonable rates. Mrs. Utnahmer has resided in the city all her life, and is well and favorably known. She enjoys a good trade and is worthy of all patronage.

RUTLAND.

THE town of Rutland, in Rutland township, derived its name from Rutland in Vermont, and the first post-office was established here about the year 1812, with Eli Stedman as post-master. There are two merchandising establishments here, of which J. N. Rathburn is the proprietor of one, and George W. Jackson the other; one drug store in charge of Burton Barrett, and one saddler, harness, and undertaker's establishment owned by R. H. Rawlings. There are two physicians located here; Doctors George Bean, and A. A. Stanley. Besides the parties just mentioned engaged in business here, there are several wagon-makers, blacksmiths, a shoe-maker, and a tailor. The two wagon-makers are Alexander Hogue, and Charles M. Stedman; the blacksmiths, Wm. Rightmire and Samuel McLain. W. M. Folan is the shoemaker, and M. Stedman the tailor. Miss Kate Holt and Mrs. M. Stedman are the two milliners and dressmakers. At present the only manufacturing establishment is the Ohio Feed Cutter manufactory. The people in this town and vicinity are in general, quite prosperous, energetic and industrious.

HISTORY OF RUTLAND, BY AN OLD RESIDENT.

In 1828, Barzilla H. Miles and Abijah Hubbell Jr. laid out the village of Rutland. The survey was made by Samuel Halliday, and the acknowledgement of the deed of the streets before Abel Larkin, Associate Justice, August 20th, 1828.

THE OLD BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE.

A relic of olden time, now occupied by Mr. Samuel McLain as a blacksmith shop, was built some years before the village lots and streets were surveyed and titles given.

Mr. Samuel Halliday taught school in it, at least as early as the summer of 1821. The Hon. Wm. P. Cutler, and Manasseh, an older brother, went to school there at that time. It was built of brick, 23½x26½ feet, two stories high and was intended for an Academy, but did not attain to that distinction. Abijah and Lucretia Hubbell deeded to Wm. Parker, Benjamin Stout, and Abel Larkin, school directors, in consideration of ten dollars, the ground upon which the building was situated, bounded as follows: Beginning forty links west of the northeast corner of Fraction lot No. 7, in the sixth township and 14th range; thence west on the north line one chain and twelve and a half links; thence south one chain and twenty-eight links; thence east one chain; thence south one chain and fifty-five links to the creek; thence east twelve and a half links; thence north two chains and eighty-three links to the place of beginning. To hold, except what is herein reserved, which is in consideration of five dollars paid by Wm. Parker, Felix Benedict and David Johnson, to hold meetings of worship.

And on payment of five dollars paid by the township trustees for the privilege of holding elections, etc., dated Dec. 11, 1827, and acknowledged before Abel Larkin, associate justice and recorded, April 25, 1828, Vol. Page 529.

Samuel Halliday was quite influential in getting this house built, and as he was thought to be the most learned teacher in the neighborhood, he taught many terms in this house. But there were others that taught there.

Some of the teachers were Barzillal H. Mills, Arthur Ledlie, Mr. Mason, Miss Rhoda Hart, David Curtis and wife, Miss Eliza Daniel, Silas Blake, and others.

This house was used by gatherings of nearly every description, whether they were religious or political, or for lectures on temperance, or abolition, as there was at the time that this was built, no school house within a mile, and not a meeting house in the township, so that this house was obtained whenever it could be had without interfering with the schools.

The Freewill Baptist seemed to claim control of the house, but the regular Baptist used it, so did the Presbyterians and the Universalists, the Disciples and the Methodists, and many an intellectual contest was held there by young men engaged in debate. The growth of minds and the friendship of hearts nursed in that building, will never depart while life shall last.

Rutland Lodge, K. of P. 249—Instituted July 25, 1887; No. members, 20; own their own hall. G. W. Jackson, C. C; A. A. Humphrey, V. C; O. W. Giles, Prelate; Geo. Bean, P. C; O. G. Higley, K. of R. and S; B. S. Barrett, M. of E; F. E. Gardner, M. of F; Allen Stiff, M. of A; meets every Saturday evening. Prosperous and good working condition.

Rutland G. A. R.—Organized in 1880. The oldest Post in the county, named Sergent Holt Post; number of member, 42 in good standing; Lodge in a flourshing condition. G. W. Carpenter, P. C; Oscar Chase, V. C; Garner Near, J. V; Dr. Geo. Bean, Q. M; W. W. Watson, Adjutant.

Rutland's Active Business Men and Their Enterprises.

B. S. Barrett, Druggist.

AS one of the leading establishments of this village, we are pleased to give liberal notice to the above mentioned firm. His room, which is 25x35 feet in dimensions, is elegantly fitted up in metropolitan style and the taste manifested in the arrangement of his stock adds greatly to the appearance of his room. He carries a large and varied stock of drugs, chemicals, medicines, fancy and toilet goods, oils, paints, varnishes, and all the innumerable articles that properly belong to a first class drug store. In selecting his stock he is very cautious that no impure or adulterated article finds a place on his shelves. He devotes special attention to the prescription department, being a registered Pharmacist of many years experience, and as such enjoys the confidence of the medical fraternity. Mr. Barrett is a native of this village, born in 1861. He is a son of Rev. S. H. Rarrett, a former well known Baptist Minister and business man of this village, but now deceased. This firm dates its inception back to the year 1857, being one of the oldest establishments of Meigs County. The present proprietor began to clerk for his father when quite young and has been in the business ever since. He took full control of the business in 1883, and under his efficient management it has continued to grow in popular favor among the citizens of this section of the country. His large trade has been built up by an honest career, and by selling pure fresh drugs on small margins. He is the agent for the Bell Telephone Company, whose office is in his store and which has direct connections with all the towns and villages between Racine and Gallopolis. He enjoys a liberal patronage by the people of Rutland and surrounding country.

Hogue Brothers, Machine and Repair Shops.

THE individual members of this firm are Messrs. J. L. and Bert Hogue. They were born in this village in 1856 and 1861 respectively. They have always lived here and have been engaged in their present business all their lives. The premises occupied by their works is a large frame structure 40x60 feet in dimensions and is equipped with all the facilities for carrying on their business according to the most approved methods. Their machinery is propelled by a twelve horse power engine. They are prepared to repair all kinds of machinery, wagons and farming implements. They manufacture the Ohio Feed Cutter, of which their father was

the inventor. This machine surpasses all others in the simplicity of structure, and the manner in which it does its work. It is geared so as to be propelled by two men if desired but one man can easily work it, and where once introduced takes precedence over all others. They are also manufacturers of the Langstreth Patent Bee Hive, which is constructed with patent movable frame, it is a favorite among bee keepers, and can be seen in many of the apiaries of this section of the State. They are prepared to do custom work in sawing and dressing lumber, having recently added new machinery for the manufacture of drop siding and for matching and dressing lumber of all kinds. They make a specialty of carriage painting, in which they are especially skillful. These gentlemen are both excellent workmen and any work done by them will be executed in a first-class manner. They allow no work to leave their shop until it has been completely finished and thoroughly tested. Equipped as they are with all the latest improved machinery they can safely guarantee satisfaction both as to character of work and as to charges. These gentlemen are gifted with an unusual amount of business energy and pluck and are meeting with good success and prosperity in their enterprise. The public would do well to call on or correspond with this firm when needing anything in their line.

G. W. Jackson, General Merchandising.

THIS business, so successfully started, had its inception here April 1st, 1891, upon that solid foundation, strictly one price and cash or produce, and is building itself up upon that sound and permanent foundation, and is already considered as one of the prime factors in the mercantile trade of the village. The store room is one of the neatest in the place, 20x40 feet in dimensions, and admirably arranged for the convenience of his customers and the display of his goods. The stock carried is complete in every department, and embraces dry goods, groceries, hardware, queensware, glassware, tinware. In dry goods the department includes a full line of domestic goods for home and personal use, dress goods of all the latest novelties and patterns in the newest styles and from both American and foreign looms. The grocery department is complete and embraces all that is needed to make it one of the most complete assortments of family groceries in the village; in fact this department contains the cream of the grocery line. In hardware he carries a line of shelf hardware, table and pocket cutlery. In boots and shoes he has a neat line for men, women and children, and of the best makes. Mr. G. W. Jackson is a native of Virginia; at the close of the war he came to Ohio; in 1869 he engaged as a clerk in Middleport, Ohio; in 1872 he engaged in business, in which he continued for nine years, and then sold out and went on the road as traveling salesman. January 1, '91 he quit the road and concluded to go into business for himself. He built a neat room, 20x40 feet in dimensions, and has it fitted up in the best style. On each side of the door are fine show windows and two large show cases are utilized for the display of his goods. His carefully selected stock shows that his long business career has not been in vain. He is a shrewd buyer, and the cash system adopted by him enables him to undersell all competition. His manner of doing business is appreciated by all patrons, he has already secured a large trade in village and surrounding country. The history of the house is replete with enterprise, industry and success.

S. T. McLain, Blacksmith.

AMONG the sturdy sons of Vulcan, who have hammered their way to respect and competency to the music of the anvil, we notice at some length Mr. S. T. McLain, located

in this village. Mr. McLain is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1830, and has followed blacksmithing forty years, and has been a resident of Rutland thirty-six years. He has a finely fitted up shop with all needed appliances for the transaction of this line of trade. His long experience makes him a skilled mechanic. He will do all work promptly and neatly. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and one of the village's best and most respected citizens.

G. T. Musser, Mill, Cider Press, and Crate Factory.

MR. G. T. MUSSER is a native of Meigs county, born near this village, in 1858. In early life he worked at various occupations, the most of the time in a saw mill. In 1882 he received an appointment as attendant at the Athens Asylum, where he served two years. He took charge of this establishment in July, 1888. His plant here is a large building, 40x20 feet in dimensions and two stories high. It is equipped with a set of buhrs, which he uses in grinding corn and all kinds of feed. He also has a saw and planing mill, a steam hydraulic cider press, a sorghum factory and a crate factory all under his management. His saw mill has a capacity of twenty-five hundred feet per day, and his cider mill has a capacity of seventy barrels per day. In the sorghum department he uses the old pan system, which is the only true way to produce good sorghum molasses. In these departments he does custom work for the public, always guaranteeing satisfaction in every particular. He manufactures large numbers of fruit crates of all kinds, from poplar and sycamore lumber. He always keeps a large supply on hand and is prepared to fill orders promptly from any point and ship in either large or small quantities. He is also the most extensive fruit grower and shipper in this section of the county. He raises large quantities of strawberries and raspberries, including all the latest and best varieties, and has about three hundred fruit trees on his farm near this place. Mr. Musser is one of our most enterprising and prosperous business men. He gives constant employment to a number of hands and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him.

J. N. Rathburn & Sons, Dealers in Merchandise.

IN the village of Rutland will be found one of the most thriving busy marts of trade in Meigs county. The house was established in 1858 and from its start to the present time has maintained a most prominent place among the leading business houses of the county. The large and diversified stock is specially provided to meet the countless demands of domestic requirements. The stock here carried comprises dry goods, in large and comprehensive variety, showing most inviting attractions to the ladies, in the latest novelties, styles and patterns in dress goods of all kinds, from the light and beautiful summer dress fabrics to the most costly dress goods, from both American and foreign looms. The notion department contains all the new novelties in trimmings, ribbons, hosiery, furnishing goods for both ladies and gentlemen, and all those useful and ornamental articles. The clothing department is one they may justly feel proud of. Here is found in stock as good and complete a line as you would wish to look at, and embraces men's, boys', youths' and children's suits, in all qualities from the cheap and substantial every day wear to the finest dress suits. This firm has established intimate business relations with some of the leading manufacturers of the United States and can offer inducements in this line not surpassed by any house in the county. The hat and cap department is complete with every thing in this line, from the

cheap straw to the fine, nobby hats for gents, and all styles in wool and fur, and their prices cannot be duplicated. The boot and shoe department is one that cannot be surpassed for style, material and price. Buying direct from manufacturers for cash enables them to compete with any contemporaneous concern in the county. The grocery department is filled to repletion. This department of trade stands pre-eminent at the head of all mercantile pursuits; on this branch of industry the civilized race looks for its daily supplies. As at present conducted this house ranks among the best of its class in the county. The stock comprises fancy and standard goods, American and foreign fruits, fresh country produce, provisions and supplies for the home and table of every description. The building occupied is a fine two story frame structure, 65x65 feet in dimensions, located on Main street, and divided in two main apartments, dry goods and grocery, and clothing, hats, caps, and boots and shoes. The second floor is used for the storage of duplicate goods of all kinds. This business had its inception in 1858, when it was started by Mr. J. N. Rathburn, the senior member of the firm. In 1880 his two sons, C. F. and M. E. were admitted into the firm. Mr. J. N. Rathburn is a native of this place, born in 1827, and has been identified with the business interests of the village all his life. His business experience with other attainments gave him the required ability for some public office, and in 1879 he was elected County Auditor, and assumed the duties in 1880. He possessed in a marked degree the traits and qualifications for popular favor, and was re-elected and held the office for a period of ten years. At the expiration of that time he again returned to his native city. This firm brings into requisition long practical experience, and being shrewd buyers, immense sales and small profits have secured to them the large and growing trade of which they may justly feel proud.

R. H. Rawlings, Harness, Vehicles and Undertaking.

THERE is no industry of more importance to farmers and community, than that of the harness manufacturer, and as one of the worthy representatives of this branch of trade we would mention in particular Mr. R. H. Rawlings, whose factory is located at Rutland, O. Mr. Rawlings keeps constantly on hand a large supply of saddlery goods, first-class single or double light or heavy harness, nets, robes, dusters, whips, collars, blankets, oils, saddles, and saddlery hardware. His work is noted for its fine finish and the solid manner in which it is put up and he never permits any article to leave his shop until it is finished and thoroughly inspected, and as a result, his goods never fail to render satisfaction. In addition to the harness factory he keeps in stock a large supply of all kinds of vehicles for sale, embracing carriages, buggies, surreys, phaetons, jaggars, road carts, delivery wagons, farm and spring wagons. He is agent for the famous Brown Wagon factory of Zanesville, O., and also for the Milburn farm wagon. He handles the Columbus and Cincinnati buggies, and ten different makes of road carts He keeps vehicles in all styles and prices to suit the buyer, from the cheapest road cart up to the most elegant surrey. They are constructed from the best material and possess all the latest improvements, among which we notice the Excelsior Coil spring, which for ease of carriage and durability has no equal. These vehicles are sold on easy terms and at astonishingly low prices. He also conducts an undertaking department, in which he is prepared to attend to all business in that line. He carries a full line of plain and cloth covered coffins, burial caskets, cases, etc. He keeps a hearse and will attend funerals at any point promptly and at very reasonable rates. He is prepared to do all kinds of embalming if desired. Mr. Rawlings is a native of Meigs

County, O., born Oct., 16th, 1847. His early life was spent on the farm. In October 1861, he enlisted in Co. A, 53d, O. V. I., being but a few days past his fourteenth birthday, and no doubt the youngest soldier from Meigs County. A few weeks after enlistment he saw his first experience in battle at Shiloh, taking part afterwards in the siege of Corinth, the battles of Memphis, Vicksburgh and Jackson, Miss., and then went to Chattanooga, and helped raise the siege at that place. In 1863 he re-enlisted at Scottsborough and started on the famous Atlanta campaign, at the close of which he immediately started with Sherman to the sea. He was discharged before reaching his eighteenth birthday, having served nearly four years and taken part in twenty-three regular battles and numerous skirmishes. He learned his trade as harness maker at Middleport after the close of the war, and opened up a shop here in 1870. He subsequently added the undertaking department and afterwards the vehicle department. This is one of the firms which started from a small beginning but has increased each year and now the amount of business done by it surpasses any similar firm in Meigs Co. He has made a complete success of every department of his business, and justly merits the large patronage he receives and is perfectly honest and reliable in all his dealings.

W. H. Rightmire, Blacksmith and Dealer in Buggies, Carts and Wagons.

AMONG the members of the brute creation, the horse has been assigned the place of man's humble servant. In ancient times so highly prized was it that the most precious metal, gold, was used to form the protection for the feet. In modern times the ingenuity of man has kept pace with the greater capabilities of use for which the horse proved to be adapted, as may be seen in the proper shoeing especially adapted to permit of the performance of the work required with ease to the animal. Mr. Rightmire is a practical horse shoer and has made the horse's hoof a study and thoroughly understands how to take the proper care of it, so as to pre-

vent contracting, splitting, toeing in or inteferring. He gives prompt attention to all kinds of reparing, which will be done with neatness and dispatch. He is also an extensive dealer in buggies, carts and wagons and keeps on hand a full supply from the best manufacturers and can offer inducements to buyers both as to quality and price. He is agent for the celebrated Whitley Mower and can confidently recommend it as the best mower made. He also keeps for breeding purposes some famous stallions, among which we note the fine styled horse "Gold Buckle" and "Jim Pearson!" Bay stallion, sired by Wilson's Blue Bull (75), the sire of sixty-five performers in the 2:30 list. Dam Lauretta by Mambrino Pilot, sire of 11 and grand sire of 33 in the 2:30 list. 2d dam Puss Prall (by Mark Time) dam of Lady Stout, with three year old record 2:29, also dam of Jeb Stuart, sire of 5 in the 2:30 list. 3d dam by Webster he by Lance, son of American Eclipse. There are but few horses with such an ancestry as Jim Pearson, and his individual merits and excellence are in perfect harmony with his rare breeding. He is a magnificent animal in every sense of the word: his color, form and style, are faultless; he stands 15 hands 3 inches high, and weighs 1075 pounds; has faultless head and ears, with strong character stamped on every feature. Although possessing great courage his disposition is perfect. In Pearson centers the blood of

the greatest trotting families. His sire, Blue Bull, is the sire of more performers in the 2:30 list than any horse that ever lived, and bears the proud title of premier trotting sire of the world, while his dam, (Lauretta,) was sired by the great Mambrino Pilot, who was both a trotter himself, sire and grand sire of trotters. Mambrino Pilot was Mambrino Chief, (sire and grandsire of 79 performers in the 2:30 list,) his dam by Pilot, Jr. sire of dams of Maud S. 2:08¾, and Jay-Eye-See, 2:10. Pearson's 2d dam (Puss Prall) was the greatest matron of her time, and the first mare to give to the world a three year old that could beat 2:30. He is closely related to the fastest trotters and pacers and promises to be a great sire, as the colts he already has are large, fine and very speedy.

Pearson will serve a limited number of mares at the stable of W. H. Rightmire, Rutland O. If any mares are sent to me, I will keep them on reasonable terms. You will find Jim Pearson registered in Wallace's stud book, volume 5, No. 2694. And standard. Rule 6th. Mr. Rightmire is a native of the village, born in 1842, and has been brought up a blacksmith, and is a fine worker in iron and steel. Call and see him. Satisfaction guaranteed.

L. P. Wright, Postmaster.

MR. L. P. WRIGHT, the subject of this sketch, was born in Athens county, O., in 1840. He came to Meigs county with his parents when but nine years of age. He grew to manhood on a farm near this village. At the out break of the rebellion he was the first man to enlist from Rutland township, and one of the first in Meigs county. He enlisted in Co. F 18th, O. V. I. April 17th, 1861. At the expiration of his term of enlistment, which was in July of the same year, he re-enlisted in the 7th, Ohio Battery of light artillery, where he served until the close of the war. His first experience in battle was at Shiloh. He afterwards took part in all the battles of Grant's campaign from Shiloh to the surrender of Vicksburg, including the famous battle of Jackson, Miss. He was seriously injured at Bolivar, Tenn., for which he receives a pension. As a recognition of his faithfulness to duty, he was promoted to the rank of 2nd Sergeant and his entire period of service was four and one half years. In 1882 he received the appointment of guard in the Ohio State prison, where he served two and one half years, and in 1890 he was appointed Post Master of this village. In his official capacity he has rendered entire satisfaction to all, regardless of political affiliations, and as a citizen he is universally respected by all who know him.

LONG BOTTOM.

THE pleasant little village of Long Bottom is situated in Olive township in the rich alluvial valley of the beautiful "La Belle Reviere," two miles north-east of the mouth of the Shade River and is in one of the richest agricultural districts in Southern Ohio. The community is financially in a most flattering condition, and the place is noted for its wealth and enterprise.

SETTLEMENT OF OLIVE TOWNSHIP.

Olive township was named in honor of Olive, daughter of Major Reed. Samuel Coleman and Joshua Knapp, were the first settlers about the year 1778, or ten years prior to the first settlement at Marietta. Among the other early settlers were Robert Collins, Samuel Reed, John Ray, John Coleman, Thomas Coleman, Abraham Kimes, Thomas Raridon, William Whiteside, William Buffington, Matthias Landon, James Wiley, Bennett Oakley, Matthew Dodderer, John Shields, John W. Fellows, Ebenezer Green, William Caldwell, Ezra Hoyt, Phillip Hetzer, Major Reed, William Reed and John Dewey. The principal villages of the township are Long Bottom and Reedville. Reedville was laid out by Major Reed about the year 1855, and is located near the Ohio River in the eastern part of the township.

FOUNDING OF LONG BOTTOM.

This active little business centre was laid out by David McKee about the year 1866. The village has grown gradually from the start and now has fine public schools, and good business houses, churches and every precaution taken to make it a pleasant place of residence.

Some of Long Bottom's Most Active Business Enterprises and Her Wide-Awake Business Men.

Long Bottom Flouring Mills. J. Adams Proprietor.

IT is universally conceded that among our manufacturing and industrial pursuits there are none which take precedence of the thoroughly equipped flouring mills which are found in every village. Not only, therefore, as one of the leading enterprises of this village, but as holding a position among the most efficiently conducted mills of this section of the State, are we justified in the full and extended notice we accord this establishment. The plant, which is a frame building 50x60 feet in dimensions and three stories high, was built in 1858, by I. H. Fellows, but the machinery was remodeled in 1889 by Mr. J. Adams, the present proprietor. It is now equipped with the latest improved roller process or gradual reduction process. The work was done by the Barnard and Leas Manufacturing Company of Moline, Ill. It has a capacity of fifty barrels per day. Mr. Adams is a miller of many years' experience and thoroughly understands his business. He manufactures two grades of flour, viz.. "White Lily" and "Sweet Home" which are very popular and always in demand where once introduced, finding a ready sale in our local markets and in popular favor with dealers and consumers. The influence of this mill is largely felt by our business men, drawing trade from a distance which would be diverted to other places. Mr. Adams is a native of Meigs county, Ohio, born near Tupper's Plains in 1834. He was raised at Adams Mills, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and conducted a general store for twenty years, In 1859 he married Miss Mary E. Hannum. He came here in 1889 and took charge of the mill. Mr. Adams has for many years been recognized as one of our leading farmers. He has served as Justice of the Peace for several terms and is now Notary Public. All legal business coming under his jurisdiction will receive prompt attention.

Prof. W. C. Merritt, Supt. of Long Bottom Seminary.

THE accompanying cut is a fair representation of Prof. W. C. Merritt, Sup't of Long Bottom Seminary, at Long Bottom, O. Prof. Merritt is a native of Meigs county, Ohio. He was born in Columbia township September 26th, 1866. By close application to his books he was enabled to procure a teacher's certificate at the early age of sixteen and immediately entered his chosen profession, that of teaching. After having taught for several years and desiring to elevate himself to a higher plane of usefulness, he entered the National University at

Lebanon, Ohio, in the fall of 1888 from which he graduated August 14th, 1890, receiving the degree of "Bachelor of Science." He took charge of the Long Bottom schools in the fall of 1890, and the present year under his management has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the schools, which speaks well for him, as Long Bottom has been particularly noticeable for many years for the excellent character of her schools and the large number of well qualified teachers turned out therefrom, of which the citizens are justly proud. Prof. Merritt has had over fifty months of experience in the

schools of Meigs and Vinton counties, during which he has never been known to fail at a teacher's examination but on the contrary has often made sufficient grades for a higher class certicate than his experience would allow. He is assisted in the work by Miss Emma Hawley as teacher of the intermediate and Miss Susie May Caldwell of the primary department, both of whom are young ladies of considerable ability and to whose efficient labors the success of the school is largely due. The prospects for the coming Normal session, which opens Aug. 17, are very flattering and arrangements are being made by which board and other accommodations can be obtained at the lowest possible rates. Able assistants will have charge of all the departments and scholars of all ages and grades will be received. All live and progressive teachers and those preparing to teach should avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this session, as a complete review of all common branches will be had and classes will be formed to suit any who may wish to study the higher branches. The session will last ten weeks. The school building is pleasantly located on an eminence commanding a good view of village and river. The rooms are large, well furnished with good apparatus and library to which all students have free access. The village is above the average for morality and intelligence and the location is healthy. It is accessible by both river and rail. Parents can safely entrust their children to Prof. Merritt's keeping, as he is a consistent christian and earnest worker in the church and a gentleman in the true sense of the word. He is the founder and editor of the Young Folk's Department of The Tribune.

W. S. Reed, General Store.

MR. W. S. REED, the subject of this sketch, is a son of S. S. Reed, a prominent farmer of this township. He was born near this village in 1865, was raised on a farm and attended the district school. In the winter of 1882-83 he attended the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio. He afterwards taught school for several years in which he was very successful. In 1890 he was married to Miss Mabel E. Warner. In 1891 he purchased his stock of goods from E. E. Roberts, whose father had been conducting the mercantile business here for thirty-six years.

He immediately moved them into the present room. The premises occupied is a substantial structure 24x60 feet in dimensions and two stories high, wherein may be seen one of the finest displays of general merchandise that can be found in Meigs county. The different lines carried consist of dry goods, clothing, hats and caps, boots and shoes, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, white goods, fancy goods and trimmings, hardware, glassware, queensware, stoneware, furniture, groceries, proprietary drugs and patent medicines, wall paper, ready mixed paints, etc. His display of dry goods will bear favorable comparison with the leading establishments of our large towns and cities. Here may be found all the latest novelties in popular fabrics, and suitings, for ladies, misses and children. In the shoe department may be found an elegant assortment of ladies' fine hand-turned and kid button shoes, also men's hand-turned shoes. A specialty is made of men's kip, double sole and top boots, made especially for farmers; also a complete line of rubber goods. He carries a full line of staple and fancy groceries, including sugars, syrups, pure spices, canned and bottled goods, home and table supplies, all of which are the freshest and best the market can afford. In the furniture department he keeps a full and complete line of household furniture, comprising not only the common grades, but fine upholstered and polished goods; walnut, cherry, antique oak bed room and parlor suits, common and extension tables, wardrobes, dressing cases, lounges, mattresses, spring beds, office desks, etc. Space will not admit of further specifications, but each department is complete within itself. Since embarking in his present business he has exhibited a spirit of fair and liberal dealing that has already won for him an enviable reputation in commercial circles. In his private character he is wide awake and open to conviction and a gentlemen whom it is apleasure to meet.

M. A. Stewart, General Store.

THAT the style and character of a community may be closely approximated by the style and character of the stock of goods carried by merchants who cater to its wants, is a well known fact, and judging from the large and varied stock of goods carried at all times by Mr. M. A. Stewart this community is evidently far above the average in wealth and enterprise. This firm, which is one of the leading establishments of Meigs county, not only in the comprehensiveness of its stock but in the amount of business done, dates its existence back over the past fifteen years. It was first known as Warner & Stewart, the individual members at that time being W. B. Warner and M. A. Stewart. Mr. Stewart afterwards purchased his partner's interest, and for the last seven years has been the sole proprietor of this large establishment. The various lines of goods carried embrace everything that is necessary to make life comfortable and happy, such as dry goods ready made clothing, boots, shoes, hats and caps, hardware, glassware, tinware, stoneware, queensware, millinery goods, groceries, stoves of all kinds, harness, furniture, farming implements, staple drugs, and patent medicines, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, notions, etc. In the dry goods department, we notice not only the staple articles in dress goods, and gents' piece goods, but the newest and most fashionable fabrics, from both foreign and American looms. In the ready-made clothing department may be found men's and boys' business and dress suits, cut and made in the latest styles, by the leading clothiers in the country. The hardware department embraces everything properly belonging to that line, including the Osborn mowers, Malta and Bissel chilled plows, blacksmith supplies and tools, house furnishing goods, and carpenter's tools. Space will not allow us to particularize further, but each department is complete within itself, of-

fering inducements equal to if not surpassing those offered by the leading establishments of our great commercial centers. This firm also pays the highest cash prices for all products of the farm, such as corn, wheat oats, hay, straw, poultry, eggs, rail road ties, hoop poles, tan bark, etc., thus proving a vast benefit to our community, in not only supplying our needs, but opening up a market that brings the ready cash for all the products of the farm. Mr. Stewart was born in Meigs County, O., near this village, in October 1835. He received a good common school education, and at the age of twenty-one launched into business for himself. In 1861 he, like thousands of other business men, went to the front at a great sacrifice. He enlisted in Co. C, of the 63d. O. V. I. He had his first experience in the battle of New Madrid. He afterwards took part in all the principal battles of that division of the army, and was shot through the leg, in front of Atlanta, on the 22d of July, 1864, which totally disabled him for further service, and on the 11th day of November he received an honorable discharge. He enlisted in the service as a private and as a recognition of his faithfulness to duty, he was repeatedly promoted, first as Second Lieutenant then First Lieutenant, and finally as Captain of his company. Mr. Stewart has been recognized for many years as one of the leaders in Meigs County's commercial interests, and his large trade in this community has been built up by honest dealing with the public, and by selling goods on small margins, which has verified the old adage that the only true road to success is by making large sales and small profits. He received the appointment of Post Master in the spring of 1889.

Swan House, H. A. Swan, Prop'r.

AS one of the creditable establishments of the pleasant little village of Long Bottom we are pleased to give liberal mention to the Swan House, which is conducted by Mr. H. A. Swan This popular hotel dates its existence back to 1882, when it was founded by the present proprietor, and since which time it has been constantly growing in popularity among the traveling public. The building is very pleasantly located, commanding a view of the Ohio River for three miles, and the guests find it a source of untiring pleasure in watching the passing and repassing of boats along this beautiful stream. The sleeping apartments of this house are furnished with nice clean beds, while the dining room is under the personal direction of Mrs. Swan, and we would venture the assertion that a better meal than is served up here would be hard to find. The genial landlord understands exactly how to make his guests feel at home. Boats and trains arrive and depart all hours of the day and night, and the tired traveler will find this an ideal place to spend the night or rest over Sunday. The rates are one dollar per day and special rates are given to regular boarders. Mr. Swan was born near this village in 1840. He is a son of Mervin Swan, a well known business man of this section. While quite young he learned the cooper trade in his father's shop. He worked at his trade until 1861, when he enlisted in Co. C of the 63d, O. V. I. He took part in all of the battles of the campaign from New Madrid to Iuka, Miss., and then went with Sherman to the sea, and received an honorable discharge in July 1864, serving nearly four years. He entered as a private and was promoted to first Orderly Sergeant. At the close of the war he returned home and engaged in the lumber business for awhile, and afterwards engaged in mercantile business, at Douglas, West Va. In 1868 he married Miss Mary Curtis. There have been five children born to them, all of whom are at home.

Portland and Lebanon Township.

LEBANON is bounded on the north by Olive and the Ohio river, on th east by the Ohio river, and on the south by the Ohio river and Letart and on the west by Chester and Sutton. In area it contains twenty-eight sections and sixteen fractional sections. It has a river frontage of fourteen and one half miles, and is eight miles in length from north to south, and five in width, at its greatest part. There are two extensive bottom lands on the Ohio; Portland and Great Bend bottom, which are very fertile, but the balance of the land in the township is exceedingly hilly, much of it being difficult to cultivate. A vein of coal, three feet in thickness, of fair quality, has been found near the mouth of Old Town creek, and a sand stone occurs which can be used for building purposes. These are about the only minerals of importance that are known to exist. Old Town creek is the largest stream within the township and drains most of the western portion. In the east are Lank's Run and Groundhog Creek, and in the northeast, Long Run, and Dewitt's Run.

Caleb Price, Andrew Anderson, Peter Nisonger and Elijah Runner, were the first settlers to locate in the township, and the time of their settlement here was about 1790, or a little later. Peter Nisonger is generally regarded as the first comer. The township was organized a short time previous to 1819, and election was held in that year. At the time of the election it had only 27 voters, showing a small population. In 1880 there was a population of 2,020. The first child born within the township was Wm. H. Buffington, and the first grist mill was erected in 1820, or thereabouts, on the Ohio River, by Uriah Gandee, however, it was only a floating structure, and Joseph Buffington has the honor of erecting the first permanent mill, on Groundhog creek, in 1820.

Daniel Beatty taught the first school in Lebanon, sometime about the year 1815, and since that time the educational affairs of the township have so largely increased, that thirteen good schools are now supported.

Sterling Bottoms, three quarters of a mile north of Portland, was the first post office, of which J. J. White became post-master, in 1844. There are now three post-offices; one at Portland, another at Great Bend, and the third at Hazael, in the northern part of the township.

Lebanon is supplied with religious associations, there being six churches within the township; one Baptist, two United Brethren, and three Methodist. Two Sabbath schools are also supported, one at Portland and the other at Great Bend.

HISTORY OF PORTLAND.

Portland is located on the Ohio River, forty miles above Pomeroy. The village was laid out in 1830, and the land upon which it stands was at that time owned by E. W. Browning. The first house was built and occupied by John Martin, and stood near the river bank. There was at that time a boat yard here, operated by William Barringer and a man by the name of Proctor. Of the early residents of Portland but few are living, among whom we find Mr. and Mrs. William Barringer, Mrs. Katharine Anderson and Mrs. Sarah Price. In the vicinity of this village there are numerous ancient fortifications and mounds, which are vivid reminders of the once powerful aboriginal race that inhabited the valley of the Ohio. Some of these mounds have been opened and many articles of various kinds have been found, such as stone axes, beads, rings and bracelets. There was also a large copper plate on which were inscribed hieroglyphics which no one has ever been able to decipher. During the years of the rebellion there was a battle fought near this village between the Morgan Raiders and the union troops, there being about twenty men killed on both sides. It was here that Morgan was practically demoralized and several thousand of his men held prisoners. The citizens of Portland have an unusual amount of thrift and enterprise. There are one hundred and fifty inhabitants, a school of one room, and an M. E. Church. The adjacent lands are well adapted to all kinds of fruits and grains. Upon the whole it is a very desirable place to live.

Portland's Live Business Men and Merchants.

R. Allen and Son, General Store.

AS one of the most creditable and enterprising institutions of Meigs county we are pleased to mention in particular the general store of R. Allen & Son, which was established here in 1881 by the present management. They occupy a large room, 20x 42 feet in dimensions, which is completely filled with an excellent stock of goods, embracing everything necessary to make life comfortable and happy. The principal lines being dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, hardware, queensware, glassware, milinery goods, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, trunks valises, umbrellas, parasols, notions etc. In the dry goods department, to which special attention is devoted, we notice a display of new goods which bear favorable comparison with the stores of our large towns, and cities, not only in staple articles in ladies' dress goods, but latest novelties in popular fabrics and suitings from both foreign and American looms. In the notion department will be found all the useful and ornamental items usually found in this line. The grocery department embraces all the freshest and best table supplies the market can afford. In fact every department is complete within itself and the articles kept are

guaranteed to be as represented and are sold at bottom prices. The time has long since passed when it was necessary for us to make long journeys to the large commercial centers to purchase goods, for our country and village merchants hold out inducements which are equal if not superior to those offered by the city merchants, who are burdened by heavy taxation, high rent and other expenses connected with city life, from which the village merchants are almost entirely free. The management of the business devolves upon the senior member of the firm. His father has charge of a large store in Hartford city, W. Va. Mr. Allen is a native of Kidderminster, England, born in 1856, his father coming to America the same year. He was engaged as clerk in his father's store until taking charge of the business here, in 1881. He has built up a large trade in this section of the country, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him. He is asissted in the store by Mr. C. L. Henderson, who has been in his employ for nine years.

Gale House, Mrs. M. J. Gale, Proprietress.

A business review of Portland would not be complete without liberal mention of the Gale House. The proprietress Mrs. M. J. Gale is a daughter of Anthony R. and Mary A. Jenkins, who were born in Tyler County, Va., in 1805 and 1810 respectively. They came to Ohio in 1807 and 1810 and located near Cheshire, Gallia County where they lived until 1857, and again removed to a fine farm near Portland, Ohio, where he lived the remainder of his life. Mr. Jenkins was known as one of Meigs County's most prominent and prosperous farmers, his beautiful home on the banks of the Ohio River, being one of the finest and most systematically conducted in the county. He died in March 1862, and was followed in 1890 by his wife at the ripe old age of four score. There were born to them twelve children, of whom Mrs. Gale, the subject of this sketch, is the fifth. She was born in Gallia County, O., in 1838. In 1870 they moved to this village and took charge of the hotel. In 1875 her husband died leaving her in charge of the business. The Gale house is located at the corner of Main and Locust street. It is a substantial frame structure, well adapted to its purpose, and the attractions offered to the public and regular boarders justify special consideration so far as well furnished and ventilated rooms, clean and comfortable beds and a well provided table go, and this house offers home comforts that are unsurpassed by similar establishments of our larger towns and cities. To any one who has once enjoyed the comforts of this house no invitation is needed, but those who have not should avail themselves of this invitation and they will receive courteous attention and first-class entertainment at reasonable rates. Mrs. Gale is the mother of three children who are located as follows: Mrs. Rev. J. F. Bell of Madison, New Jersey; Prof. L. M. Gale, a prominent teacher of North Branch, Minnesota, and Miss Ronhie, who is also teaching at North Branch, Minnesota.

George W. Gale.

THE subject of this sketch is a son of L. M. and Eliza Gale, and the sixth child in a family of seven. His father was a native of Virginia, and was the son of a prominent planter, by whom he was given a liberal education. He followed teaching for several years when a young man, and afterwards graduated from the college of William and Mary. He took up the study of medicine, but at the breaking out of the war of 1812, he left college to enlist in the service of his country, under General Hull, and afterwards served under General Dearborn, and was finally promoted as a member of General Harrison's staff, where he served until the close of the

war, taking part in all the principal battles of the Lake Erie campaign. He was married to Miss Eliza Barnett, who proved to be a devoted wife and loving mother. He died and was followed a few years later by his wife. Of the seven children born to them there are four living, located as follows: Miss Dorcas, a prominent teacher in the college of Mason City, West Virginia; Mrs. Andrew Hood, of Pomeroy, O., Mrs. Dr. Ross, of Taze's Valley, West Virginia, and George W. Gale, who resides at Portland, Ohio. George was born in Meigs county O., in 1841, was raised on a farm and attended school at the district schoolhouse. At the outbreak of the rebellion, he enlisted in Co. G of the Fourth Virginia Regiment, Col. Sadburn, commanding. His first experience in battle was at Fayetteville, Va., and a few days later he took part in the battle of Charleston. A short time afterwards his regiment was taken to Vicksburgh, where he remained until receiving his discharge on account of disability, which was in August, 1863. He receives a pension of twenty-four dollars per month, to which he is justly entitled. He is one of Portland's respected citizens and can always be found attending to his own business.

Portland Flouring Mills.

AS one of the leading commercial industries of Portland, we would mention The Portland Flouring Mills, which hold a prominent position among the most efficiently conducted mills of this section of the state. This mill, which is three stories in height and 40x60 feet in dimensions, not including the boiler and engine room, is equipped with improved roller process machinery which was manufactured by the Case Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio. It also has one set of buhrs which are used to grind corn and feed. The flour manufactured by this firm is of an excellent quality and very popular for its bread making qualities wherever introduced. They manufacture two grades, the White Foam and Amber, both of which are in constant demand by local dealers along the Ohio River. The machinery is propelled by a thirty-five horse power engine and has a capacity of twenty-five barrels per day. Mr. M. T. Adams, the proprietor, is a miller of many years of experience and understands his business thoroughly. He is a native of Meigs county, born near this village in 1848, and has been connected with this mill for eleven years. He is an enterprising business man and a good citizen. This firm pays the highest cash price for wheat, and orders for flour will receive immediate attention.

George Thomson, Skiff Builder.

THIS firm was established here in 1871 by George Thomson, Sr., the father of the present proprietor. The business was conducted by him until 1880, when it was taken charge of by his son George, who has been doing a thriving business, having established a trade in skiffs which extends from the head waters of the Ohio to the mouth of the Mississippi. His skiffs are compactly constructed and are models of neatness in appearance. He uses nothing but the best lumber that can be procured and his work always sells on its own merits when once introduced. His terms are one dollar per foot and an extra charge of $1.50 is made for a yawl stern. Mr. Thomson is a native of Monroe county, Ohio, born in 1850. He came to this village in 1868 where he has been engaged in his present business since. He is a gentleman in whom confidence may well be placed and any one desiring a neatly finshed durable and light running skiff will do well to forward their orders to this firm.

LANGSVILLE.

THE village of Langsville is situated on the K. & M. R. R., the second station from Middleport, and has a population of about two hundred souls. It is beautifully located in a rich agricultural district and has good schools, churches and some very active business interests. Mr. Benj. Lang, was the first post master and the village tooks its name from him. It has a good flouring mill, two general stores and several other business enterprises.

Langsville's Enterprising Business Men.

E. Barton, P. M. Langsville, O.

AMONG the prominent business men of Langsville we take pleasure in mentioning Mr. E. Barton, who is a native of this place, born in 1852. He has always taken an active part in politics, and is recognized as one deserving official trust and public confidence, and was appointed post-master Dec. 1889, and took possession of the office Jan. 1st, 1891. He brings into requisition those accomplishments which secure popular favor and is filling the office to the full satisfaction of the public at large and the best interests of the Post-office department.

A. Bradley & Son, General Merchandising.

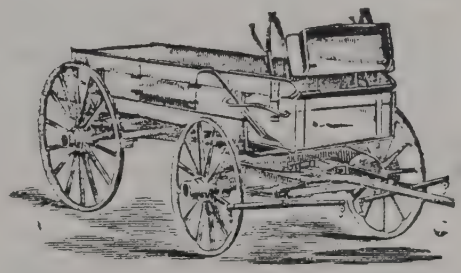
THIS extensive and influential business was established first in 1879, and continued up to 1884, when Mr. Bradley sold out and went west and located in Eldorado, Kan., where he remained seven months, and while there was engaged in the hotel business. He sold out his hotel business and came back to Ohio and located in Van Wert, Ohio, and engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued seven months. Selling out this business he engaged in the wholesale produce and commission business in

Huntington, W. Va. In 1889 he closed out this business and returned to his native place and opened up at his present location and took into partnership his son, who is a harness maker by trade, and still manufactures harness to order and does all kinds of repairing. Mr. A. Bradley gives his attention to the lumber business and makes a specialty of filling orders for all kinds of heavy lumber for bridges and all kinds of buildings. The premises occupied embrace a room 20x50 feet in dimensions, while on the second floor is fitted up a fine hall. The stock carried embraces a full line of dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats, caps, hardware, tinware and queensware. The dry goods department contains a full line of domestic goods, ladies' dress goods, furnishing goods for both ladies and gents, trimmings and hosiery. The grocery department is replete with a full line of the choicest and freshest groceries. This house being under small expense can sell goods at lowest prices and are offering big inducements to cash buyers. Give them a call and see for yourself.

Langsville Roller Mills, M. J. Rutherford, Prop.

THERE is certainly no department of our business system to which we may properly devote more extended notice, and which relates more directly to personal and home needs, as well as the general prosperity of our business interests, than that in which Mr. Rutherford is engaged. Up to comparative recent date no improvement had been made in the milling business, but in this, American inventive genius saw opportunity for improvement, and as a result we have now the complete roller system or gradual reduction process, whereby our cereals are reduced to a higher grade of bakers' and family flour. Mr. Rutherford has had ten years experience in this line of trade. The building occupied is a substantial frame building and the machinery propelled by a forty horse power engine and boiler. It is fitted up with the newest machinery and appliances and includes purifiers, brand dusters and the short bolting system and three double sets of rolls, and has a capacity of twenty-five barrels per day. The principal brands manufactured are "White Rose" and "Choice Family," for which these mills have become celebrated, and which hold the highest standard of excellence in all markets in which they have been introduced and are special favorites with dealers and consumers. Mr. Rutherford is a native of this county. Three years ago he fitted this mill with an entire new outfit and has now a large and growing trade. He also deals in grain, meal and mill feed and transacts merchant's grinding, but gives his special attention to grinding and exchange.

John Longstreth, Manufacturer of Wagons and Repairer in Wood and Iron, and Painter.



JOHN is what we call a self-made mechanic. For the last ten years he has been working at the carpenter trade and has become an expert with tools. Four years ago he located at this place and opened up a general repair and manufacturing shop. He does wood work, ironing and painting, and makes a specialty of manufacturing corn plows, wagons, and buggies, and is turning out some fine work in his line, and will repair your buggy and make it look as good as new. As a house painter he is an artist and has painted some of the finest residences in the village. Contractors or others wanting painting in this line would do well to correspond with Mr. Longstreth and get prices before letting their contracts.

H. McHaffie, Blacksmith.

AMONG the various mechanical industries of any thriving village the blacksmith is one that cannot be dispensed with. As an expert worker in iron and steel we make special mention of Mr. H. McHaffie, whose shop is located at this place. He is a native of this county, born in 1857, near this village. After securing his education at the public schools he chose to be a blacksmith, and August 2d, 1872, came to this village and commenced work with his brother. J. A. McHaffie. In the spring of 1875 he first opened a shop of his own and for the last sixteen years has been attending to the many wants in this line. As a horse shoer he cannot be surpassed, having made the horse's hoofs a study. He can do all work in this line in a scientific manner so as to prevent toeing in, contracting or interfering. He gives special attention to all kinds of repairing, which will be neatly and promptly done. All work done by him is fully warranted. Mr. McHaffie is desirous of retiring from the business, and will sell his stand to some good mechanic. He will sell the shop and his dwelling or the shop and good will alone.

J. A. Miller. M. D., Physician and Surgeon.

DOCTOR MILLER, the subject of our sketch, is a native of Meigs county, born April 22, 1869. When he was quite young his parents moved to Gallia county, Ohio. After completing his literary education he choose the medical profession, and began reading medicine in 1887, under the tutorship of Dr. C. A. Rife, of Kygersville O. He attended the Kentucky school of Medicine at Louisville, and took his first term at that institution and his second term at the Starling Medical College of Columbus, O., from which he graduated with honors in the class of 1891. He was married August 31, 1890, to Miss Maud Hamilton, daughter of J. W. Hamilton. In March 1891, he located at this place for the practice of his profession. Dr. Miller is a thorough student in the medical and surgical science, and is young and energetic, not afraid of the elements, and is bound to succeed if a thorough and practical knowledge of medicine, with plenty of push and get-up is of any avail.

HARRISONVILLE HISTORY.

HARRISONVILLE is located in Meigs county, twelve miles north west of Middleport, on the old State road leading from Pomeroy to Athens. It was laid out in 1840, during the Harrison and Tyler campaign, and was named in honor of General Harrison. The first lots were sold by Alfred Dunlap and Horatio White, who owned the land upon which the village stands. Alfred Dunlap was also the first Post-master. The present population is 250. There are two churches in the village viz: M. E. and Cumberland Presbyterian, and a school building of one room with an enrollment of 45 pupils. There are two good general stores, one wagoner maker's shop, two blacksmith shops and a hotel. The surrounding country is well adapted to all kinds of grains and fruits. The land is underlaid with a vein of good coal. The lead-

industries are fruit growing, agricultural pursuits and fine sheep raising. The people are industrious and enterprising. The F. and A. M. Fraternity have a fine building with two large halls. The Lodge was chartered in 1869, and has a membership at present of 60. The officers are as follows: F. A. Bartley, W. M; Geo. Chapman, S. W; W. F. Townsend, J. W; Millard Combs, Treas; F. E. Vining, Sec; D. Wice, S. D; A. A. Alkire, J. D: James Marchington, Tyler. They meet on the Saturday on or before the full moon of each month.

Harrisonville's Most Enterprising Merchants and Business Men.

Drs. S. & H. C. Day, Physicians and Surgeons.

DR. S. DAY, the senior member of this firm, is a native of Washington county, Pa. He was born in 1818. He came to Ohio with his parents in 1836. They first located in Muskingum county, where they remained three years, and then removed to Athens county Ohio. He then took up the study of his profession under the preceptorship of Dr. Joseph Dixon, of Albany, Athens county, Ohio. In the fall of 1847 he entered the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and remained until the following spring. In April of 1848 he came to Harrisonville and began the practice of medicine, which he continued for ten years and then returned to the Starling College, and remained during the winter of 1857–8, from which he graduated in the following spring. He then returned to this village and has been constantly practicing his profession up to the present time. In 1863 he was appointed Surgeon of the 10th O. V. I. but before entering upon the duties of his office he received an order from Gov. Todd to proceed to Pomeroy, and assume the duties of examining Surgeon of those who claimed exemption from draft. For many years he has been recognized as one of the most successful and prominent physicians of Meigs county, coping successfully with all forms and types of disease that humanity is heir to, and has assisted in over five thousand five hundred cases of abstetrics, or child birth. He is now president of the Meigs county Medical Association, and a member of the Ohio Valley Medical Association, and although upwards of seventy years of age, he is apparently but little past the prime of life. The other member of the firm is Dr. H. C. Day. He is a son of Dr. S. Day, and a native of this village, born in 1853. He received his literary education in Albany Academy, and read medicine under the preceptorship of his father. He attended the Starling Medical College during the years of 1875–6. After graduating he entered into partnership with his father. He has already established a reputation which extends far beyond the limits of his own county, and is endowed with professional qualifications that place him pre-eminently among the leading physicians of the county. He is one of nine different physician who read medicine under his father, all of whom are now among the leading practitioners of this

section of the State. These gentlemen are both prominent members of the F. and A. M. Fraternity of this village. Personally they are genial and courteous, treating every one with respect, and are universally regarded with sentiments of esteem and respect.

W. H. Dye, General Merchandise.

AS one of the leading establishments of Meigs county and one of which the citizens of Harrisonville are justly proud, we take pleasure in making liberal mention of the above firm in this Review of Meigs county's business houses. This firm dates its inception back to the year 1868, when Mr. W. H. Dye, a farmer youth, came to the village and started a small store. In the twenty-three years that have elapsed since then the proprietor of that small store has developed into one of Meigs county's most energetic and prosperous business men, while the store itself has assumed mammoth proportions. The premises occupied by this firm is a large frame structure two stories high, located in the central part of the village. He uses seven large rooms in stowing away his immense stock of goods, the main salesroom being 20x72 feet in dimensions. The stock of goods carried embraces the following different lines viz: dry goods, groceries, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, drugs, medicines, milinery goods, hardware, glassware, stoneware, tinware, queensware, notions, etc. In the dry goods department are kept all the latest novelties in ladies', misses' and children's dress goods, as well as the staple lines. In the clothing department he carries a full line of boys' and men's handsome business and dress suits, cut and made from the best material, in the latest styles by the leading clothiers of the country. His drug department includes a varied assortment of pure and fresh drugs and chemicals, also oils, paints, varnishes, toilet and fancy articles and being a registered Pharmacist of many year's experience, he is prepared to compound physicians' prescriptions and family recipes promptly and accurately. In the millinery line they receive all the latest patterns and designs as soon as they appear in the large cities. Each department is complete within itself, making it no longer necessary to go to our larger towns and cities when we want anything desirable or fine in home comforts, or personal adornments. Mr. Dye was born near this village in 1840. He grew to manhood on the farm and at the age of twenty-eight he came to Harrisonville and started in the mercantile business. In his commercial career he has adopted a policy that is both liberal and equitable; he endeavors to treat all alike, and sell honest goods at honest prices. He is a man of excellent business ability and enterprise, which is attested by the large measure of success that has attended his well directed efforts. He is a shrewd buyer and buys his goods in large quantities, which enables him to offer liberal inducements to the public, and is a gentleman with whom it is both pleasant and profitable to have business relations.

A. I. Hutchinson, General Merchant and Lumber Dealer.

IT was formerly the case that when we desired anything fine in home or personal adornment we were compelled to make long journeys to large commercial centers to purchase them, but this is no longer the case for in every village we find one or more stores that compare favorably with the first class houses of the large towns and cities. And while the village merchant takes pride in coping with the similar firms of the cities in the excellent character of his goods, he can undersell him every time since he is not burdened by high rents, high rates of taxation, and other heavy expenses necessarily connected with city life. Such however can be said especially of the above firm, which is located in the pleasant little village of Harrisonville, O. The premises occupied is a substantial

frame structure 24x40 feet in dimensions, and two stories high, with wareroom in the rear. The salesroom is fitted up in metropolitan style and is stocked with a large and comprehensive line of goods, embracing everything necessary to make life comfortable and happy. In the dry goods department we noticed not only common and staple articles in ladies' dress goods, but all the latest and most desirable fabrics from both foreign and domestic looms, In the grocery department may be found a complete line of the freshest and purest groceries and provisions that the market affords, including fresh garden grown teas, best brands of coffees, sugars, vinegars, syrups, canned and bottled goods, meats, flour, notions, etc. He also carries a complete line of boots, shoes, hats, caps, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, hardware, glassware, tinware, stoneware, queensware in fact everything belonging to a first-class general store. Mr. Hutchinson is a native of Belmont county, Ohio, born in 1852 near Centerville. When six years of age he moved with his parents to Athens county, O., where he remained until 1873, when he came to this county. At the early age of fourteen he procured a certificate and entered the profession of teaching school which he followed for fifteen years, and met with marked success, having taught thirteen terms in the school of this village. He has served as Justice of the Peace, of this township, for nine consecutive years, each time being elected by large majorities. Since starting in business here six years ago, he has met with a constantly growing trade. His wide acquaintance with the people enables him to know their wants and supply them. He also owns and operates a saw mill and is prepared to do custom work in sawing, dressing and matching lumber or furnish it in either large or small quantities at most reasonable rates. Mr. Hutchinson is one of our most energetic and reliable business men and sustains an excellent reputation for honorable dealing and is held in high esteem for his strict integrity and sterling personal worth. He is assisted in his store by Mr. E. F. Vining a well known resident of the village.

Captain Presley, T. Talbott, Post Master.

CAPTAIN PRESLEY T. TALBOTT, our present Post Master, is a native of Pike county, Ohio, born near Piketon in 1840. He grew to manhood on the farm and at the age of twenty-one he entered the service of his country, enlisting in Co. D of the 73d O. V. I. His regiment was first consigned to the army of the Potomac, where it remained until after the battle of Gettysburgh, when it was transferred to Sherman's army and took part in all the battles in that famous march to the sea, and through the Carolinas. He entered the service as 5th Sergeant, and was promoted to Orderly Sergeant, and on April 10, 1864, he was promoted to the rank of Captain, of Co. G of the same regiment. At Bentonville, North Carolina in March he was wounded in the right temple, by a glancing ball, almost miraculously escaping instant death, and from the effects of which the sight of his right eye has been permanently injured. At the close of the rebellion he returned to his native county and married Miss Louisa Bailey, who departed this life in December, 1874. He has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life, excepting his period of service in the rebellion, until five years ago. He took charge of the Post office here in January of 1891, and in his official capacity he has thus far rendered entire satisfaction to all, regardless of political affiliations, and the administration is to be congratulated on the selection of such a competent man for this responsible position. He is one of our most respected citizens, an active and consistent member of the M. E. Church, and a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

LETART HISTORY.

LETART FALLS is located on the Ohio river, sixteen miles above Pomeroy. It was first laid out in 1780, some of the pioneer families being the Sayre's and the Rouslies, of whom numerous descendants still reside here. This village is located in the center of one of the richest bottoms along the Ohio River, the soil being of inexhaustable fertility. Agricultural pursuits is the leading industry. It has now a population of one hundred and fifty. There is one church, M. E., and a splendid school building with three rooms, and an enumeration of one hundred and twenty pupils. The I. O. O. F. here was chartered in September 1878, and has a membership of 65; its lodge number is 690, and meets on Saturday evening. The following are its corps of officers: Mervin Wolf, N. G.; Dr. F. C. Dennison, V. G.; W. P. Barnitz, Per. Sec.; R. H. Crawford, R. S.; Nathan McDade, Treas.

Letart's Enterprises and Business Interests, Together with Her Business Men.

H. McClain, Drugs and Groceries.

AMONG the most enterprising commercial houses of this county, we notice the general drug store of Mr. H. McClain, which is located in the enterprising little village of Letart. This firm dates its existence back to the year 1877, when it was founded by the present management. The premises occupied is a commodious room 53x16 feet in dimensions, in which is kept a full line of pure drugs and groceries. In the drug department, to which special care is devoted, may be found a complete line of drugs, all popular and desirable patent medicines, perfumeries, toilet articles, druggist sundries, and notions in large variety. Being a good judge of pure drugs, the proprietor is very cautious that no impure or adulterated article creeps into his stock, and special attention is given to the compounding of physician's prescriptions and family recipes, for which long years experience as a pharmacist has rendered him perfectly trustworthy and competent. In the grocery department may be found a well selected stock of staple and fancy family groceries, consisting of the best grades of coffees, teas, sugars, syrups, spices, canned and bottled goods, confectioneries and notions, all of which are kept in the best condition and sold at lowest prices. Mr. McClain is a native of Meigs county, born near Letart, August 19th, 1832. He was raised on a farm, but when fifteen years old went onto the river which he followed for twenty-five years, starting as cabin

boy and leaving when first mate. He studied pharmacy with Doctor Slemaker of Letart. He has held different offices of public trust in this township, and as a public official retained the respect of all parties, and has a liberal patronage in this community, and has always been found honest and upright in his dealings with the public.

Prof. H. M. Pilcher, Superintendent of Letart Falls Schools.

AMONG the accomplished educators of Meigs county, we notice Prof. H. M. Pilcher, superintendent of the Letart Falls schools. He is a native of Union county, O., born in 1871, and a son of Rev. J. N. Pilcher, a well known M. E. minister, of Canaanville, Ohio. Prof. Pilcher grew to manhood in Athens county, O., where he removed with his parents when quite small. He received his common school education in the schools of Canaanville, and at the age of fifteen procured his first certificate and entered the profession of teaching at the age of sixteen. In 1887 he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O., where he remained two years. He has taught at several different places in this and Athens counties, and has always been given the refusal of the school at an increased salary for the next year. He took charge of the Letart schools in 1890, and the year under his management, has been one of the most prosperous in the history of this school. The scholarly accomplishments and the executive ability of Prof. Pilcher, have materially raised the standard of efficiency in our schools, and has placed them pre-eminent among the best schools of the county, which reflect much credit upon himself, as well as the village. We predict a bright future for him, if pluck and enterprise count for anyh ing.

R. E. Stobart, Resident Physician and Surgeon.

WHILST the primal object of all practitioners is the cure of a patient, the means to be adopted in accomplishing this vary widely. The two old schools in medicine, the Allopathic and the Homœpathic, in this matter are at direct variance, the old treating by "likes," and the other by "dislikes." As a prominent disciple of the Allopathic, we are pleased to notice Dr. R. E. Stobart, who came to this place March 1891, and located here for the practice of his profession. The Doctor was born in Mason county, West Virginia, in 1866, his parents moving to this county in a month thereafter and located on a farm near Syracuse. At the age of eighteen he began teaching school, and continued as an instructor for three years in the Syracuse school. He chose the medical profession, and read medicine with Dr. Philson of Racine, Ohio, as his instructor, and attended lectures at Starling College, Columbus, Ohio, in 1889, '90 and '91, and graduated with honors in the class of March, 1891. He was married Christmas, 1890, to Miss Emma, daughter of Rev. Mathews. He is a member of Meigs county medical association and is held in high esteem by the medical fraternity. He is an energetic young man, and bound to succeed, if a thorough knowledge of medicine and plenty of push are of any avail.

Tyrol Mill Company.

THE process of manufacturing flour is of ancient origin. Rude implements, which were evidently designed for this purpose have been found in the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum, but until comparatively recent times it has never reached a very high degree of perfection. The buhr system, which was so called from its inventor, Mr. Buhr, was introduced in the seventeeth century, and was indeed a wonderful advancement, and for over one hundred years the world

was satisfied with it. But in 1863 an ingenius Pennsylvanian completed and procured a patent on a machine for reducing grain by means of metal rollers and it is now universally conceded that it is a vast improvement over the buhr process in the quality of flour produced. As the best equipped and most efficiently managed mill in southern Ohio, we are pleased to give liberal mention to that operated by the Tyrol Mill Co., located at Letart Falls, O. The plant, which is a substantial frame structure, 38x48 feet in dimensions, and three stories high, was built in 1873, by the present management, but in 1888 it was completely remodeled and equipped with the Odell full roller system by the Stillwell and Bearce Manufacturing Co. of Dayton, Ohio, the conditions of the contract being that the above named company were to put the mill in running order, and if the work done by it should be unsatisfactory in any respect it would be made right before being accepted by the owners. On completion the mill was found to be in perfect working order and a model plant in the full sense of the word, with a capacity of fifty barrels per day. The Tyrol Mill Co., are merchant millers and manufacturers of four grades of flour, viz: The Grand Duke Patent, Little Princess, Roller A, and Climax, which are unexcelled for bread making qualities, and are in steady demand, from all points where it has been once introduced. This firm finds ready sale for all of its flour among the local dealers between Ravenswood and Middleport, and the success they have achieved as millers is solely due to a policy that is liberal, equitable, and enterprising. The management of this excellent establishment devolves upon Mr. S. W. Alexander, to whom its present good standing is largely due. He is a native of this village, born in 1848, and has resided here all his life. He is a miller of many years of practical experience and a gentleman in whom public confidence may well be placed. They make all kinds of feed and pay the highest price for wheat. All orders submitted to them will receive prompt attention.

CHESTER.

CHESTER township occupies a little over forty-two sections of land and therefore includes more than one-tenth of the area of the county. Bedford and Orange townships bound it on the north, Olive and Lebanon on the east, Sutton on the South, and Salisbury and Bedford on the west. Shade River and its tributaries, consisting of the East, Middle, and West branches, with their affluents, obtain almost the entire drainage of the township, and the highlands flow towards the center and southeast. The highlands form an extensive system of hilly ranges, in some places sharp and rather abrupt. The valley however quite low. The soil is principally composed of sand and clay, and along the bottoms is highly productive. The first settler within the township was Nathaniel Burrell, who located on the middle branch of Shade about the year 1777, and the next settlers were Peter Grow and Levi Stedman, who located within the present town site of Chester. The first grist mill built in Chester township, was by Levi Stedman, at Chester on Shade River. The first school house was built on the Branch farm about two miles

north of Chester. At present there are fourteen district school-houses within the township. The first post-office was established at Chester, in the year 1812, but now there are three; Chester, Bashan and Keno.

The township has twelve church organizations; two Methodist Episcopal, two Presbyterian, three United Brethren, one Christian, one Lutheran, one German Lutheran, one German Presbyterian, and one German Methodist.

Chester township was organized, March, 1st, 1824, and was formed from Sutton, Orange and Salisbury. The first election was held on the second Saturday of March in the same year. There are three towns, Chester, Adams' Mills, and Bashan, of which Chester is the most important. In 1822 it became the county seat of the county and continued to be highly prosperous until 1841, when the county seat was moved to Pomeroy, since which time it has decreased its business and population, though of late years it seems to be improving gradually. Its people are moral and pious and it has many excellent citizens. About the only manufacturing establishments are a tannery and flouring mill. There are also quite a number of business houses, At present Mr. E. W. Craig is the leading merchant. A fine bridge spans Shade at this point, the former one having been burned by Morgan's men during his celebrated raid.

Adam's Mills is but a small village in the north-east part of the township and contains a post-office, store, and a saw and grist mill. It derived its name from John Adams, an early settler. Bashan is a small collection of houses, and contains a post-office. In 1880 Chester township contained a population of 1,656 inhabitants.

The village of Chester was laid out in 1821 by S. Steadman and at present has a population of 150. It has an Academy and a fine system of public schools, and two secret societies, viz: Russell Post, G. A. R. No. 258, with a membership of 75, and Shade River Lodge, No. 453 F. and A. M., with a membership of 65.

Chester's Most Active Business Men.

J. E. Roecher, Manufacturer of Harness, and Undertaker.

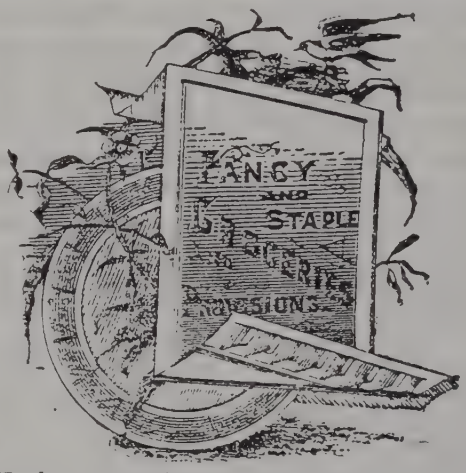
MR. ROECHER, the subject of our write, up is a native of Alleghney City, Pa., born in 1839. He learned the trade of harness maker and has followed that business for many years and came to this county in 1859 and worked seven years in the foundry. He came to this village some time since and opened his place of business. He keeps a full line of harness in heavy and light in double and in single sets, and all kinds of trimmings, collars, bridles, saddles, whips, nets and does all kinds of repairing in a neat manner. He has in connection the undertaking business and keeps on hand a full line of caskets, cotfins, robes and trimmings, and is prepared to take full charge of funerals and can guarantee satisfaction to all patrons who may be called on to part with their loved ones. His long experience in the business gives him a knowledge of all the delicate duties belonging to the business, a command of all the facilities and conveniences for efficient service, an intelligent regard for the requirements of the business combine to make the position of Mr. Roecher a valuable and important one. He has a fine hearse and the requirement to take full charge of funerals. He is now holding the office of township clerk which position, he has held two years.

A. E. Hecox, General Merchandise and Prop. Chester Hotel.

IN compiling a review of Meigs county's industrial enterprises it fell our lot to visit the old county seat, Chester. Here we find the hum of business in full blast and prominent among those engaged in business marts we found Mr. Hecox. This enterprise was first established here three years ago, under the firm name of Smith & Hecox. This partnership continued one year when the firm changed to Ruth & Hecox. Business was done by this firm for one year, when Mr. Hecox purchased the entire business. He carries a full line of dry goods, groceries, notions, queensware, hardware, tinware, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps and all articles usually found in a general store. His stock is one of the largest in Chester and is complete in every detail, embracing as it does a full and general stock of merchandise. Each department is kept constantly replenished with everything new and desirable. Having favorable business connections with reliable manufacturers and wholesale dealers, the trade is assuming greater proportions. He is also extensively engaged in the produce business and keeps one wagon on the road gathering produce. Mr. Hecox gives the business his personal attention. All goods purchased from the best and most reliable sources and sold at the lowest prices. Mr. Hecox has in connection with his business the Chester Hotel, the most popular resort for travelers in the village. It contains eight well ventilated and furnished rooms, fitted up with good clean beds. The dining room is always made an inviting feature of the place, the table always being supplied with the substantials and delicacies of the season. The hotel is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Hecox and everything is done for the pleasure and comfort of guests. Mr. Hecox is a native of this county, born in 1849. Prior to engaging in business he was connected with agricultural pursuits.

W. D. Johnson, Barber, Groceries, Hardware, Fancy Notions, Etc.

IN every village, town or city, a barber is an indispensable adjunct. Mr. Johnson has one chair and all necessary appliances for the successful prosecution of the art. He has had thirteen years parctical experience.



He learned the trade in Fairfield, Ill. Three years ago he commenced business in this village, he is a first class artist in his trade, and all wanting an easy shave, nice hair cut or shampoo should call in and see him. He carries in connection a full line of notions, hardware, jewelry and a variety goods, and all are sold at bargains. He occupies a room 24x40 feet. He is a shrewd buyer and is always on the out look for bargains. By patronizing this house you can get more for your money than at any other place in the village.

J. B. Smith, Dealer in General Merchandise.

A thoroughly representative and reliable house in its line of trade in this village is that conducted by Mr. Smith. The premises occupied is a fine two story frame structure 22x50 feet in dimensions and two stories high. Mr. Smith assumed control of this business three years ago, and the house has already assumed a prominent place among the reliable business

houses of the county. This house occupies more than an ordinary position, being the largest in the village. The stock embraces a full line of dry goods groceries, hats, caps, boots, . shoes, hardware, queensware, drugs and proprietary medicines. His dry goods department embraces a full line of staple and fancy goods for home and personal use, ladies' dress goods in all qualities, notions in great variety, The boot and shoe department embraces a full line from the manufacturers and jobbers. Buying for cash enables this house to compete with any house in the county. In groceries he keeps all the finest and best goods found on the market, including coffees, sugars, teas, pure spices and a full line of grocer's sundries. He aims to keep the cream of all goods in this line. He is an extensive dealer in produce and handles large quantities of farm and dairy products. The drug department contains a full line of pure drugs and medicines. Mr. Smith is a registered pharmacist. All family recipes and physician's prescriptions carefully filled from the purest drugs with great care. Mr. Smith is a native of this county, and since engaging in business has built up a large and profitable trade. He is a live and energetic business man, and his patrons are always treated in a courteous manner and are fairly and honorably dealt with.

J. M. Titus, M. D. Physician.

DR. TITUS, the subject of our sketch is a native of Gallia county, Ohio. After obtaining a fair literary education at the public schools and a partial collegiate course, he chose the medical profession as the one of his choice. He read medicine under the instruction of Dr. Lowell R. Fletcher, of Porter, Gallia Co. He then attended the Starling Medical College of Columbus during the terms of 1888 '89, and '90. He then came to the village of Chester, and opened an office and has already built up a large practice. We notice one especial good provision of the office, viz: that he compounds all his own medicines, and all prescriptions are made up in his own laboratory, thus avoiding errors, or the use of inferior drugs in compounding. The doctor is recognized as one of our most successful and accomplished physicians, and one of those plain every day sort of men, who have a faculty of ingratiating themselves into the esteem and good will of everybody, which is perfectly natural with him. He has his share of practice and is content.

E. S. Weldon, Tailor.

THIS gentleman has been working at his trade forty years, and has been very successful in catering to the tastes of this community in his special line of trade. He keeps a full line of samples and can procure on short notice anything manufactured by either foreign or American looms. Mr. Weldon gives his special attention to all details of the business, and is considered one of the most correct and stylish cutters in the county. Perfect satisfaction is not only guaranteed, but is invariably given. Mr. Weldon is a native of the village, born in 1828, and his long and practical experience makes him an expert in his line. He is the oldest resident of Chester, and is well and favorably known and highly respected in social and business circles.

DYESVILLE.

SITUATED twenty miles north of the county seat, on the K. & M. rail road, was laid out by J. S. Dye, November 28, 1882, and was named in honor of the same. The mercantile interests are well looked after by Messrs. Price Bros. and D. R. Misner.

They have a fine flouring mill, known as the Dyesville Milling Co., where the farmers find a ready sale for all grain produced. The surrounding county is a good grain raising district and is one of the best adapted in the State for small fruit raising, and is also well adapted to all fruits, such as apple, peach, and grape, and in fact all kinds of fruits do well here, and we predict that ere many years roll around these hills will be covered with vineyards, orchards and many broad fields of delicious strawberries and raspberries. The village has one church, Methodist Protestant, which is in a very prosperous condition and the best interests of the community are in general looked after.

Dyesville's Live Business Men.

Dyesville Milling Co., Proprietors Dyesville Roller Mills.

OF all manufacturing operations in which the enterprise of man has engaged, that of making flour holds a position of paramount importance. Of all human necessities, the food supply outweighs the balance, and, as a natural consequence its production and distribution are of vital importance. The conversion of grain into flour dates from the earliest periods of history, as indicated in the remains of utensils discovered in Pompeii and in this country, found as relics of the mound builders, articles for pounding and grinding, so crude as to merit admiration for their antiquity. For centuries little progress was made, and we pass to the invention of Oliver Evans of Pennsylvania about the year 1776, which comprehended the Buhr Mill system and subsequently the purifiers from which there was another step taken about 1860, known as the roller system, or gradual reduction process, which would seem to have reached the highest point of excellence. This leads us to notice the Dyesville Milling Co., which had its inception in 1888 by Mr. Nathan Vale. January 15, 1891, the above named company was formed and the following well known gentlemen were taken into the business. John Holiday, J. R. Ogden and O. W. Castor. All men who never take a back seat in any enterprise in which they become interested. The building, exclusive of engine room, is three stories and basement, and 30x40 feet in dimensions. The engine room is 18x30 feet. In all departments the mill is equipped with the latest improved appliances for the speedy and efficient manufacture of the highest standard grades of bakers' and family flour. The mill is equipped with a full roller system, or what is known as the gradual reduction process, purifiers, scalpers, bran dusters, packers, and every needed appliance. The mill being propelled by a fifty-horse power engine and boilers. The staple brands produced are Standard, their patent grade, Little Victor, straight grade and Extra, low grade. These brands bear a high standard grade in all markets in which they have been introduced and enjoy a high degree of popularity with dealers, and are eagerly sought after by bakers and families Their trade extends all along the K. &

M. railroad, principally south and being situated on the line of road have good connection with the same. They also manufacture granulated meal by the roller process, which wherever introduced has proven a great favorite. The mill is under the able management of Mr. Nathan Vale, and is gradually drawing a large trade. They transact merchant and custom grinding, and farmers exchange and deal in grain, flour and mill feed.

D. R. Misner, Dealer in General Merchandise.

TO Mr. Misner, this place has been indebted for years for its mercantile vitality. He is a native of this county and has been engaged in the mercantile business at Langsville. Three years ago he located his business here. He occupies a neat little store 18x30 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried embraces dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, queensware, tinware, etc. His dry goods department embraces a full line of domestic goods, in all patterns and styles. His grocery department contains coffees, teas, sugar, pure spices and a full line of tobacco and cigars. The boot and shoe department contains a line of the best quality, and, considering material, workmanship, style and prices, cannot be surpassed in any of our larger towns. Mr. Misner's long experience enables him to buy at bottom figures and he is prepared to offer inducements to cash customers. He is also an extensive dealer in country produce and buys everything in this line. He owns his own property, has no rents to pay and does his own work and can offer big inducements to all his patrons. Call and examine his goods and prices and see if our statements are not correct. Mr. Misner has in connection with his business a hotel, where travelers can find entertainment; when in the place stop and see. A good meal and bed is their specialty.

Price Bros., Dealers in General Merchandise.

AMONG the various commercial pursuits which characterize the active business operations of a progressive community there are none whose vitality and enterprise justify more liberal mention than those of our general mercantile establishments. Occupying a conspicuous position in this department of trade, we notice the lately established house of Price Bros., which dates its inception to November 1890. The Price Bros., are natives of this county, and prior to engaging in this enterprise were engaged in agricultural pursuits. They occupy a finely fitted up room, 16x40 feet in dimensions. They carry a full line of general merchandise embracing dry goods, notions, groceries, queensware, hardware, tinware, boots, shoes, hats, and caps. In dry goods they carry a full line of domestic goods, dress goods, muslins, ladies' and gents furnishing goods. The boot and shoe department embraces a full line for men, women and children, and by buying principally from manufacturers they are enabled to offer inducements to patrons not surpassed by the more pretentious concerns in our larger cities. In the grocery department is to be found a full line of staple and fancy groceries, coffees, sugar, teas, pure spice and a full line of groceries' sundries, tobacco and cigars. They also buy and sell all kinds of country produce. This firm is building up a fine trade and are honorable and fair to all their patrons. To the influence of this house we are indebted for much trade drawn to this place, which would otherwise have sought other trade centers.

ANTIQUITY.

THE town of Antiquity is located on the Ohio river one mile above Racine. In 1880 it contained a population of one hundred and forty-one inhabitants. The name, Antiquity, is supposed to have been derived from the rocks, or cliffs, back of the village, which have an antiquated and picturesque appearance similar to those back of Pomeroy. Henry Harpold was the first settler, and a post office was established here in 1877. There are two churches, Methodist and Baptist, the former having been built in 1870, and the latter in 1872. The church membership of each probably numbers about fifty. There is a lumbering establishment employing about twenty hands.

The wealthiest individual in the town is Wm. M. Shannon, but the two individuals who have done most to advance its interests, are believed to be Mr. Henry Harpold and Mr. A. J. Flesher. As a general thing the people of the town and farmers of the vicinity are prosperous.

Antiquity's Business Men.

David Burger & Son, General Store.

THE individual members of this firm are Mr. David Burger and his son Rev. D. W. Burger, They have had charge of this business but two months, having purchased it from Mr. Winters, in the spring of 1891. The premises occupied is an ample room neatly and conveniently arranged, in which is kept an excellent stock of groceries, notions, stone ware, tinware, glassware, etc. In the grocery department all the freshest and best home and table supplies the market can afford are kept constantly on hand, among which we notice the best grades of coffees, teas, meats, syrups, vinegars, spices, sugars, canned and bottled goods, flour, confectioneries, etc. In fact everything properly belonging to a first-class general grocery. Mr. David Burger is a native of Botetourt county, W. Va., where he was born in 1813. He has been engaged in farming all his life, and for one of his age is unusually healthy and active. Rev. D. W. Burger was born in Botetourt county, W. Va., in 1858. He attended school while young at Lincoln Court House, W. Va., and then returned to his native county and attended school at Holland Institute, from which he graduated in 1863. He then entered the ministry for the Missionary Baptist denomination, in which he is still engaged. As a business man he is honest and upright in all his dealings and quiet and unassuming in his demeanor, treating everyone with due respect, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

Note—Since writing the above sketch the senior member of this firm Mr. D. Burger, died quite suddenly and was interred at Plant's cemetery, near this village. Such is the uncertainty of life.

lesher, Sayre & Flesher, River Side Mills.

THIS mill was built here in 1875 by The Antiquity Mill Co., but was ght by the present management in 4. The plant is a large frame ucture 30x135 feet in dimensions two stories high, with large sheds ddition for stowing away lumber. as a capacity for turning out twen- housand feet per day. The lum- manufactured by this firm consists ll kinds, but a specialty is made of t lumber, embracing oak, poplar, te pine, hemlock, etc., cut in all gths and sizes suitable for any part a boat or building of any kind. y keep constantly on hand large ntities of flooring, ceiling joisting, ng, steam boat decking, etc. This ber is always shipped in the best ible condition to any point and in quantity desired. They are pre- d to build boats of all kinds, and sample of their work in that line refer the public to the large wharf at Huntington, which is 150x42 in dimensions, and is a model cture in every particular. Being pped as they are for doing all of own sawing, dressing, etc., they compete successfully with any lar firm on the Ohio River. The vidual members of the firm are rs. B. T. Flesher, M. V. Sayre, M. F. Flesher. The Flesher Bros. natives of Ravenswood in W. Va., 1855 and 1849 respectively. Mr. esher followed the river until eight s ago and B. T. was engaged in nercantile business at Murrays- W. Va., until 1885. Mr. Sayre is tive of Mason county, W. Va., in 1840. He moved to Meigs ty with his parents when quite . The early part of his life was ed to farming. He afterwards ed the trade of ship corker, which llowed for ten years and the re- der of his life has been spent in umber business. This firm has lished a large trade along the Ohio, which has increased each year. They have recently placed new machinery in their mill, and are prepared to do a larger business than ever. They give employment to a number of men, and in every respect are considered in the lead in their line of business in the Ohio Valley. Those desiring anything in their line would do well to communicate with them at Antiquity, Ohio.

D. M. Willis, General Grocer.

MR. D. M. WILLIS, is a native of Meigs county, Ohio, born near Letart in February 1846. He has lived in this county all his life excepting seven years spent in Parkersburg W. Va. Mr. Willis is a cooper by trade, at which he worked since he was a boy, until 1884. In 1864 he enlisted in Company C of the 140th O. V. I. and was discharged the same year, his service being no longer needed. In 1891 he received the appointment of Post-master of this village taking charge of the office in January, which responsible position he has filled to the entire satisfaction of every one, regardless of political affiliations. He conducts a general grocery in connection with the Post-office, in which he keeps a general line of home and table supplies, consisting of groceries, provisions, tinware, glassware, queensware, stoneware, notions, etc. He keeps constantly on hands a fresh supply of pure garden grown teas, coffees, sugars, syrups, vinegars, canned and bottled goods, notions, confections all of which are the best the market can afford, and sold at prices astonishingly low. The advantages enjoyed by having a good grocery in every village can hardly be estimated, as they bring excellent table supplies right to our doors, and sell them for less money than we would pay in our large towns and cities. This is one of the most useful and beneficial establishments of our neighborhood and one that enjoys liberal patronage.

DEXTER.

THE little village of Dexter is situated on the K. & M. R. R. twelve miles north west of Middleport, and was laid out in 1883. The land was owned by John Longstreth. It was first known by the name of Martinsburgh for C. M. Martin, its first merchant. It has a population of fifty souls, a good school, with an enrollment of 100 pupils and is in the center of a strawberry region.

Dexter's Business Enterprises.

J. F. Bowles, General Store.

AS one of the leading establishments of this section of Meigs county, we are pleased to give liberal mention to the above named firm. This firm traces its existence back over the past eight years, when it was founded by Mr. E. A. Nelson. It was purchased in 1888 by the present proprietor, who immediately increased the stock of goods largely. He carries a full line of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hardware, queensware, glassware, stoneware, clothing, underwear, farming implements etc. He brings into requisition not only a thorough knowledge of the business, acquired through long experience, but a wide acquaintance with the people, by which he is enabled to know their wants and hence is prepared to supply them. He carries not only the common and staple articles belonging to the different lines with which his store is stocked, but all the finer qualities carried by our city merchants, and is determined that no house in the country shall surpass him in the excellence of goods or in prices, and has adopted for his guide the motto, "Large sales and small profits." He has built up a good trade since starting here, each year increasing over the previous, and the main secret of his wonderful success lies in the following facts viz: He pays ready cash for all of his goods and by so doing has all bills discounted. He sells for cash or its equivalent, hence, he adds no per cent to the bill of honest people to make up for bad debts. He buys in large quantities directly from the leading houses of the country and receives special rates. He is not compelled to bear the burdens of high rates of taxation, high rent and other heavy expenses connected with city life, all of which have to be paid indirectly out of the pockets of the consumer. He contemplates building a fine new store room in the near future on his lot adjoining the depot, and add several additional lines to his already comprehensive stock, which will enable him to offer inducements equal to if not surpassing any house in this or adjoining counties. Mr. Bowles is a native of this township, born in 1866. He attended the district school, and by close application to his books was able to procure a teacher's certificate at the early age of sixteen. He followed the profession of teaching for five years in which he was unusually successful. He then went into the mercantile business at Langsville, Meigs county, where he remained two years. He then came here and took charge of this store. He is endowed with business qualities which are sure to raise him to the top. He is already regarded as one of our most prosperous and energetic business men.

C. M. Martin, General Store.

THE pleasant little village of Dexter can boast of one of the best general stores in Meigs county. We refer to the large establishment of Mr. C. M. Martin. The premises occupied by this firm is a large and commodious room 20x50 feet in dimensions, with large ware room in the rear. These rooms together with the basement are all utilized in stowing away merchandise. The stock of goods embraces almost everything necessary to make life comfortable and happy, consisting of dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats, caps, hardware, queensware, glassware, stoneware, tinware, groceries, oils, paints and varnishes, jewelry, stoves, clocks, etc. Space will not admit of further specification but everything properly belonging to a first class establishment of this kind may be found here. The dry goods department is found not only the common and staple articles of ladies' and misses' dress goods, but all the latest designs and novelties in popular and fancy fabrics from the foreign and domestic looms. Each department is complete within itself, embracing not only the ordinary commodities of the home and farm, but the luxuries as well. The days are past when it was necessary to make long journeys to our larger towns and cities when we wish anything fine or desirable in the line of personal or home adornments, for our country merchants take pride in coping with the city merchants in the quality and variety of goods carried, and not being burdened with high rates of taxation, rent, clerk hire and other expenses connected with city life, they can undersell them every time. Mr. Martin, the proprietor of this house is a native of Athens county O., born near Albany, in 1843. He came to this county with his parents when quite small. His early life was devoted to working in a mill. In Sept. 1864, he enlisted in Co F 18th O. V. I. and served about one year. At the close of the war he went into business in Vinton county, O. and came here in 1882 and took charge of the depot. He was instrumental in getting the Post-office moved here and received the appointment of Postmaster, and for several years conducted a general store in the depot building, at the same time acting as agent for the company and Postmaster of the village. In the Spring of 1889 he built this present store room and moved his stock of goods into it. He was appointed Postmaster in 1889. In 1868 he married Miss Julia Hurley. He is assisted in his business by his wife, who is well qualified. He enjoys a liberal patronage by the people of this community and is perfectly honest and trustworthy in all his dealings with the public.

CARPENTER.

THIS little village has a population of twenty-five and is situated on the line of the K. & M. R. R. It was laid out in 1883, and has one public school building and one good general store, that of Mr. Noah Stout mentioned below.

Noah Stout, General Store.

IT was formerly the case that when we desired anything fine or very desirable in home comforts or personal adornment we were compelled to make long journeys to large commercial centers to obtain them, but now in every village we find one or more large general stores which compare favorably with the first-class establishments of our large cities. Such is the case with the above named firm. The different line of goods embraced by this immense stock includes the following viz: dry goods, clothing, hardware, glassware, stoneware, tinware, boots, shoes, hats, caps, trunks, valises, groceries, confectioneries, furniture, farming implements, undertaking goods, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods in fact everything belonging to a first class house of this kind. In the dry goods department we notice all the latest varieties in ladies', misses' and children's dress goods. In the clothing department may be found men's and boys' neat fitting business and dress suits cut and made by the leading clothiers of the country. In furniture he carries parlor, bed-room and office suits in cherry, antique oak and walnut. In the hardware department may be found blacksmiths' and carpenters', tools and supplies, table and pocket cutlery, hardware, etc., we notice the Oliver and Bissel chilled plows, also the Malta plows and riding cultivators. He also keeps in stock vehicles, among which we noticed the Anchor buggy and several makes of road carts. His undertaking goods embrace plain and cloth covered burial cases, caskets etc. The premises occupied is a large frame structure 50x50 feet in dimensions and two stories high. He uses four large rooms, including the ware room in stowing away this immense stock of goods. He was born in this township in 1839, spent his boyhood on a farm. He started in business for himself as huckster, his only capital being five dollars in money and a broken leg, but by earnest efforts and close applications to business he has to-day one of the most extensive firms in the county. He came here in 1884, having been in a similar business at Bolins Mills, Vinton county, Ohio. He owns a fine farm near this village and is considered among Meigs county's most prominent farmers and business men.

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